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Life -3 Gremory without Sekiryuutei

Part 1

Two days after the mid-class promotion tests had ended, it was noon.

I, Kiba Yuuto, am presently at a floor in the Gremory castle. The Gremory castle is in a ruckus. Including the employees, the Gremory personal soldiers are also in a panic. The reason is because the Underworld is currently undergoing a crisis.

The super gigantic monsters created by Shalba Beelzebub from the Old-Maou faction using [Annihilation Maker] started their progress on attacking every main capital and important location after appearing in the Underworld. The big screen television located on this floor is showing the appearance of the monsters that have begun their invasion as an emergency broadcast.

[Please look! The gigantic monsters that suddenly appeared are progressing towards the capitals without stopping!]

The reporters are reporting about the monsters from helicopters or ship-planes that move by demonic-power generators.

In total, there are 13 monsters created by [Annihilation Maker]. They are monsters that easily exceed 100 metres. Each one of them is about 150 metres large. The television is broadcasting about each of them. It seems like we can find out about the current status of each monster from the television. When we saw them in the artificial dimension, they were a bunch of humanoid shaped monsters covered in

black aura. Perhaps their appearance changed when they arrived in the Underworld, but if there are humanoid types there are also beast types that stand on four legs. In terms of appearance none of them resemble each other. Though the humanoid types stand on four legs, their heads look like either aquatic creatures, or have one eye, or have four arms. If I were to describe them in one word they look like…….”Chimeras”. Similarly the four legged monsters are also mixed with parts of different creatures. They continue to progress towards the cities with slow steps without showing any signs of stopping. At this rate, the monsters that are close to the important cities will arrive there sometime today. Other monsters will also arrive at their destinations by tomorrow. The most annoying thing about them is that they are creating smaller monsters by themselves as they progress towards their targets. Body parts of the gigantic monsters start to swell up, and lots of smaller monsters are born by ripping out from their flesh. They are only the size of humans but there are simply too many of them. Dozens to hundreds of them are created at a single time. They destroy the forests, mountains, and landscapes that they pass through and devour the animals that live there. It seems like the civilians who lived in the towns and villages along the monsters path were evacuated with minimal casualties. But entire towns were trampled down. After they leave the place, it looks so ghastly that there is nothing left. Creatures that are too overpowered…. So this is the power that was created by Top-tier Longnius, [Annihilation Maker]….. As someone who also possesses the same creation-type Sacred Gear, its ability scares me. An unusual power that is said to rival that of God. An ability that can destroy the World. Right now that is happening right in front of our eyes.

Among the monsters there is one that is far larger than the others who is heading towards the capital in the Maou territory, Lilith, and the monster is something we never

expected. It is a humanoid type and is a size much larger than the other monsters. I can understand the immense size of that thing even through the television screen.

The government of the Underworld named the monster who is far bigger than others “Jabberwocky”. The other twelve monsters are called “Bandersnatch”. These were named by Azazel-sensei by taking the names of the creatures from Lewis Carroll’s work. Behind the television screen, the warriors of the Underworld have began their attacks on “Bandersnatch”. Spreading their wings they either go head on, or from the sides, or from the back or attack them at the same time by hitting them with a barrage of fire made by demonic-powers. Demonic-powers that filled the whole area around them are shot towards the monsters. The attack teams who are repeating their attacks are Ultimate-class Devils and their servants. Normal monsters would definitely perish after receiving such attacks. But…..

[How can this be!? The attacks of Ultimate-class Devils and their teams aren’t working!]

I can hear the voice of the reporter who is frightened. Yes. What is shown on the television are the monsters that haven't even been affected by the attacks of the Ultimate-class Devils and their servants.

…….It is just like the time we were back in the artificial dimension. Our attacks only damaged their skin. They couldn’t cause any critical damage. The attack teams that were dispatched are all Ultimate-class Devils who hold the top rankings of the Rating Game. Even so, they still couldn’t do any damage that could cause any effect. It’s also because they have their hands full with the small monsters that are being created as well…… Even so, the gigantic monsters have very hard bodies. For each one of the monsters, squads

were dispatched by the factions that are allied with the Devils such as the Fallen-Angels who sent their squads, Brave-Saints that were sent by heaven, and the Valkyrie squads that consist of battle maidens that were sent by the Valhalla, and large troops of warriors sent by the Greek factions. Thanks to that, we have avoided the worst case scenario. But there are still many problems.

One of them is “Jabberwocky” who is even more powerful than these monsters.

Last night the group led by Dihauza Belial was dispatched. But…….. Although they were able to cause damage to Jabberwocky they could only stall its movement for a matter of seconds. Jabberwocky regenerated from its damage very quickly and healed itself. It then resumed its journey as if nothing had happened.

That truth became an astonishing thing that spread around the news and resulted in making the civilians feel even more unease. Everyone thought and believed that “If the Emperor and his servants were dispatched, then they could even defeat the gigantic monsters”. There are no doubts about the strength of Emperor Belial and his servants. Even us, the Gremory group, cannot defeat them even if we were in our best condition. That’s how powerful they are. However even people like them couldn’t do it.

The other problem is the Old-Maou faction who began their coup d'état using this crisis as an opportunity. Most likely the invasion of monsters was a part of their plan and they are rampaging in the cities aligning with it. The warriors of the Underworld were also dispatched, to take care of them as well. The World of the Devils is in chaos right now. We also received a report that because of this chaos there are servants of High-class Devils who are rebelling against their

masters in various locations. I can easily imagine that the Sacred Gears possessors who were made into servants by force are releasing their anger at this situation. If I were to say it like Sensei, then this situation would be a “Balance Breaker” bargain sale. Warriors from various factions were also sent out to take care of them. –But we won’t be able to lose any more man-power than this. We need to stop the progression of the monsters first. If we were to lose important locations and capitals, then there wouldn't be any better opportunity to invade the Underworld than at that moment.

……Yes. At this point in time, the Underworld is heading into very serious chaos. Coup d'état by the Old-Maou faction through the use of gigantic monsters…… It seems like the one who was pulling the strings from the back is the God of the realm of the dead, Hades….. And we also don’t know where Khaos Brigade's Hero-faction is plotting their next move from. In that artificial dimension, it seemed like the Hero-factions were fooled by Hades and the Old-Maou faction, but what would the descendants of the Heroes do in this situation?

They are terrorists after all, so they wouldn’t take actions that we can predict. The reason why Gods and Maou-sama cannot go and take care of the monsters themselves is because we don’t know where Cao Cao would be targeting them from. That spear has the power to easily eliminate Maou and Gods. If even a single God or Maou was to be killed, we don’t know what will happen to the balance of each faction. And we don’t even know when Hades will send his Grim Reapers……

What is fortunate is that the evacuations of civilians are being taken care of as the first priority and there haven't been any major casualties. If the Devils were to go down in

numbers any more than this, then the future of Devils will be put in a very dangerous situation. More than that, there is no way that Sirzechs-sama would think of the safety of civilians as his second priority. But at this rate the Underworld will….. So this must be the grudge Shalba Beelzebub and the Old-Maou faction have towards the current government of the Underworld.

“It seems like servants of Maou-sama will finally be dispatched to take care of “Jabberwocky” and “Bandersnatch”.”

-! A sudden voice. When I turned around, Raiser Phoenix was standing there. I was thinking very hard while looking at the television seriously so I couldn’t notice him getting close to me. Raiser Phoenix makes a sigh.

“I came here as my brother’s escort. I also came to check on Ravel and Rias along with it. But since the situation is like this. …..I can sympathise with you Kiba Yuuto.”

Raiser Phoenix narrows his eyes and puts on a serious face.

……His…… It seems like the death of Ise-kun has already reached this person as well. Yes. We lost one of our important comrades, Hyoudou Issei the Sekiryuutei, at the starting point of this crisis. Ise-kun went to retrieve Ophis who was taken by Shalba Beelzebub on his own. We tried to summon him back with the dragon-gate after returning back to our World…… But what came back to us were the evil-pieces. Only 8 Pawn evil-pieces.

….Only the evil-pieces came back, but along with his evil-pieces the aura of Samael was also detected. So we could only think that Ise-kun received the curse of Samael during his battle against Shalba. He couldn’t return for that reason…… We don’t know how the power of Samael’s curse

was released but the aura of Samael definitely came past the dragon-gate. Shalba must have made an alliance with Hades.

……There is no way for him to be safe after receiving Samael's curse because he has insufficient demonic-powers to defend against it. We were told that clearly by Azazel-sensei. In the past there were cases where only the evil-pieces were summoned, and I heard that in all of them the person summoned was definitely not alive. Servants who have a strong will to return only their evil-pieces can make that phenomenon occur. And evil-pieces that have returned have already stopped functioning and cannot be used ever again.

We also had the heavens check for what happened to the spirit of the Sekiryuutei. That is because the Sekiryuutei Ddraig goes to seek a new host automatically when the current host dies. Information like that gets recorded in the Sacred Gear database…. Though it seems like the current Longinus possessors specifics became very complex compared to the past possessors and for that reason information like that hasn't come in yet. The Longinus observation institute of the Grigori is also searching for any available information right now. But……. We were told beforehand that receiving proper information would be very shallow beforehand. And the whereabouts of Ophis who should have been with Ise-kun is also unknown. She might have stayed in the dimensional gap or she might have perished with Samael's curse. The search for the Dragon-God is still underway, but it is said that the chance of her being sent to Hades by Shalba is very low. –That is because there is no way that Ise-kun wouldn't have finished off Shalba.

If it is him, he definitely would have taken down Shalba. Even if he were to bet his life for it. Including me, everyone believes that. But no matter how much we search, there aren’t any leads that would reject the information of his death…..!

His death hasn’t been reported and only one group of people know about it. But we…..! There is no way we could accept it that easily……!

“I’m very sorry to hear that. Were you able to meet with Buchou?"

I somehow managed to get my head straight and asked Raiser Phoenix, but he shook his head.

“I couldn’t. She didn’t open her door. She didn’t even respond when I called her. …..Well she’s not in a situation where I can meet her. Since the man she loves ended up like that.”

Then there was someone who put a teacup on the table. –It’s Koneko-chan.

“……Here is your tea.”

Koneko-chan who has the same expression as always goes and sits on the chair in the corner after putting the cup on the table.

“Listen Ravel. In any case you have to cheer up.”

Two more people appear. One is a man. The other one is Ravel-san. I am familiar with the man. Well only from television that is. He is oldest son of the house of Phoenix and the next head. Ruval Phoenix. He has a graceful face, and unlike Raiser Phoenix who dresses up like a delinquent,

he wears proper noble clothes. He seems very gentle and he shines just by standing. He is someone who has been in the Top-10 of the Rating Game before. There are also rumours that he will be promoted to an Ultimate-class Devil very soon. I see. So Raiser Phoenix came as this person’s escort. After he cheers up Ravel-san, he notices me.

“You must be Rias-san’s Knight. Since it is a situation like this, you should be okay then.”

He takes out several little bottles from his pocket while he approaches me. –They're Phoenix tears.

“We came to give you this along with seeing our sister and Rias-san. Since we are in a situation like this, we can only give these to the counter-attack squads. I feel very sorry for talented youths like your group. ---Soon I will also go to counter-attack the monsters along with my foolish brother.”

So the Phoenix brothers will also go join the pursuit of the monsters. Certainly the immortal Phoenix will be a very big support at the front line of the battle.

“…….Sorry for being foolish.”

Raiser Phoenix is displeased by his brother’s words……. The house of Phoenix has many siblings (four siblings), which is very rare among current High-class Devils. The oldest and the third son participate in the Rating Game, and I hear that the second son is one of the bosses of the media.

I received the tears from Ruval. ……He must have given this to us believing that we will also go to the front lines. Ruval smiles while doing a karate chop on Raiser Phoenix’s head.

“Rias-san and also Rias-san’s Queen are both very depressed at Sekiryuutei-kun’s death. The one who should be calm at

times like this is you. A servant who has deep love towards his comrades but can withstand a comrade’s death. Remarkable.”

“Thank you very much.”

.....The truth is I can’t endure it any longer, but I still have to endure. That’s because like he just said, Buchou and Akeno-

san who aren’t here are not in proper shape. Buchou has hid inside her room in the castle while holding onto Ise-kun’s evil pieces and since Akeno-san also lost her psychological support, she is sitting on the sofa in the guest room with a hollow expression. Both of them do not respond when I try to talk to them. It is hard to imagine what they are going through right now because both of them were very dependent on Ise-kun's support. ……Asia-san has also been crying this whole time in the guest room.

“…..I want to go to Ise-san’s side right this moment….. …….But if I were to go to his side……Ise-san will definitely be upset….. …….He promised me that he will always be with me….. Then I thought I will be able to be with him if I go to his side…… Ise-san…… What should I do…….?”

She was also fighting desperately against her sadness.

Xenovia and Irina-san are still in heaven. I’m not sure whether Ise-kun’s death has been reported to them.

I heard the reason why Xenovia (Someone who knows the absence of God) is able to stay in Heaven while she would have an influence on the system based there is because of the cooperation from Azazel-sensei and the system of the immense tree from Norse-mythology, Yggdrasil. But she can only stay there for a short time. Even if we receive lots of cooperation from different factions, it will still take lots of time to unravel the system of Heaven which is delicate and has many secrets.

Rossweisse-san and Gapser-kun also didn't call us after leaving to become stronger. They still haven’t been told about Ise-kun’s death.

……The Gremory group are all separated. Until recently it was such an ultimate team that you couldn’t ask for more,

but now there isn’t even a shadow of it. Even if the members who aren’t here right now return, we don’t know if we are able to return back to the original situation….. Losing Ise-kun who was the foundation of the team was big…… Am I able to support this team? Ise-kun please give me a bit of your courage. The courage you had that allowed you to stand up against anyone……

Ruval then says it.

“Our family also wanted Ravel to become Sekiryuutei-kun’s servant and possibly send her off to him if we could have.”

“Yes. I understand that.”

Ise-kun didn’t notice it, but the intention of the house of Phoenix could be understood from many perspectives.

“……What will happen to Ravel’s future isn’t decided, but can you allow her to stay here? It seems like she made friends. I think their names were Koneko-san and Gasper-kun? She talked a lot about both of them through the magic-circle. She seemed very happy.”

“Yes. We will take care of Ravel-san."

Ruval smiles at my words.

“Yes, then we are going Raiser. You will have to show off the splendid flames of the Phoenix since you are also a male from the house of the Phoenix. You don’t want to be made fun of for being an upstart guy any more than this right?”

“I understand brother. See ya Kiba Yuuto. Take care of Rias and the others.”

Ruval and Raiser Phoenix leave after saying that.

The room becomes quiet once again. Ravel-san sits next to Koneko-chan. Her eyes get full with tears and she covers her face with her hands.

“……This is too much for me……. I was finally able to get closer to the man I respect and have affection towards…….”

Ravel-san had deep affection towards Ise-kun. She must have respected him deeply. She usually had a tsun personality, but at times she looked at Ise-kun as her hero. She must have wanted to live under him being his servant. Koneko-chan then mumbled.

“…..I was somehow prepared for this. …..No matter how strong Ise-senpai and Yuuto-senpai are, there will be a time when they reach their limit.”

-! …..Koneko-chan. You had a resolution like that? So she was already prepared. It would be the natural way of thinking considering that we went through lots of near death experiences up until now.

Ise-kun and I had secretly talked about this before.

-About things after one of us dies.

Hearing Koneko-chan, Ravel-san stands up enraged. She talks back to Koneko-chan while crying.

“…..You are accepting it too fast……! I can’t be strong like Koneko-san…..!”

Koneko-chan received frustration from her fellow classmate. Her usual emotionless face starts to break down, and she eventually started to shake and cry.

“……I also…… I also reached my limits in many ways….! He died after I confessed my feelings……! Ise-senpai is stupid…..! He’s stupid…..!”

Koneko-chan hid her eyes with her sleeve while crying out. She must have been forcing herself to stay calm. She kept her sorrow in even when she gave out tea.

…..Things she kept within her small body start to flow out all at once. Seeing that, Ravel-san gently embraces Koneko-chan.

“Koneko-san……. I’m sorry.”

“……Sob…..Ravel. It’s too painful to bear…… This is too much…….”

For the two first years, his death was too much for them.

…..I need to endure a bit longer. Even if I cry right now…..nothing will start. It is not the time for that yet.

“Kiba Yuuto…..-kun.”

Another voice. When I turned around, one of the leaders of the Fallen-Angels, Barakiel-san, was standing there.

“I see. Then Akeno is….”

We walk through the corridor while I explain the situation to Barakiel-san. I’m taking him to the guest room where Akeno-san is. Barakiel-san is Akeno-san’s father. He had a painful expression. He is sad knowing both about Ise-kun and Akeno-san.

I asked Koneko-chan and Ravel-san to look after Asia-san. Both of them are not in a condition to do that, but by having someone who loved Ise-kun as well stay with Asia-san seemed to be the right thing to do.

….I am no good. I am a Knight that is supposed to support the girls but I cannot save a single girl from our group…..

That’s why I’m thinking of protecting them by wielding my sword. That is the best thing I can currently do for the girls. We arrived in front of the door where Akeno-san is in and I knock on the door. There is no response from the inside. Barakiel-san and I open the door and enter. There was no light inside and it is dark. Akeno-san is sitting on the sofa located in the corner of the room with hollow eyes. Barakiel-san took a step and shakes his daughters shoulder.

“…..Akeno.”

Maybe it is because she heard the voice of her father but she finally responds for the first time.

“…..Tou…..-sama……”

She mumbles while confirming her father’s face. Barakiel-san just nods silently and hugs Akeno-san.

“I heard the story.”

Hearing that, Akeno-san got her emotions back and puts her face on her father’s chest.

“Tou-sama…….I…..”

Her voice is mixed with tears. Barakiel-san gently pats his daughter’s head.

“You can cry right now. Your father will be here until you stop. But you are the Queen of the Gremory group, which is turning into a representative of all the young Devils. You have to use that power for the Underworld soon.”

“……Sob…Ise…..Why…..”

Akeno-san cries within his arms.

……..If Barakiel-san is here then Akeno-san might recover a bit. I will be a nuisance if I stay any longer. Sensing that, I quietly left the room.

Part 2

While returning to the floor I had been on before, I passed someone I knew.

“—Saji-kun.”

“Yo, Kiba.”

“What brings you here?”

“Well, Kaichou came to see how Rias-senpai is doing. So I came to escort her. We met with people from the house of Phoenix on our way.”

“I see. Thank you.”

So Kaichou also came to see Buchou’s well being.

I then walk along with Saji-kun. He then says it with resolved eyes.

“Kiba, I’m planning to participate in this case. I’m going to protect the civilians living in town.”

-! It looks like the Sitri group also stood up for the Underworld’s crisis. Youths with power are being summoned. There is no doubt that the Great-King Bael group and Archduke Agares will be dispatched as well. It wouldn’t be weird if the Sitri group were to be dispatched as well. Naturally we will also have to participate as youths that have power.

“We are also planning to join with you afterwards.”

I say that but Saji-kun asks me with concern.

“…..Are Rias-senpai and the others able to fight?”

…..It will be natural to feel that way knowing the situation of Buchou and others right now. He knows it. He knows that we won’t be able to fight properly with the current situation. Even so, we must go.

“We have to fight. All the Devils that have powers are summoned to it. We are Devils who have powers. ---We have to do it.”

“Yeah you are right.”

Saji-kun puts on a smile but then puts on a serious face.

“Do you know the one who killed Hyoudou?”

Saji-kun asks with eyes full of intensity.

“I do, but he’s no longer in this World. -He must have been defeated by Ise-kun.”

Yes, there is no way that Ise-kun couldn’t finish off Shalba. Even if he received the poison of Samael, he definitely must have eliminated Shalba. I believed that without the slightest of doubts. Saji-kun’s eyes shake for a moment with my answer.

“Yeah. Striking back when getting hit. No. There’s no way he would lose. He died after winning, right? There’s no way he would lose!?”

Saji-kun had lots of tears flowing out of his eyes and he seems really mortified. Saji-kun says it with a vigorous

expression.

“So the guy who killed him is already gone. Then I just have to beat the Khaos-Brigade, which was the group that the guy who killed him belonged to.”

“Saji-kun. You…..”

“He was my aim. I was able to work this hard because of him. I was able to do well in the match against Agares as well….! I was able to endure any type of hard training because he was also the same “Pawn” as me who was nearby!”

……He has been running after Ise-kun’s back. For Saji-kun, Ise-kun who became a Devil at the same time as himself was a big existence to him. Saji-kun then spits out words of hatred.

“I won’t forgive those guys who took away my aim and killed my friend! I will burn all of them with the flame of Vritra….! My flame is a cursed black-flame that won’t disappear even if I die. I will take down their lives even at the cost of my own…..!”

Saji-kun is emitting an intense aura from his body. He is keeping down his power which seems like it will explode now.

“I will be troubled if you die, Saji.”

When I turned around Sona-kaichou is standing there.

“Kaichou.”

“Saji. I can understand you becoming emotional but I will be troubled if you die. ---If you are going to do it, burn your opponents while you stay alive.”

Saji-kun wiped his tears with his sleeve at her words and then nods his head.

“Yes!”

Sona-kaichou then looks at me.

“We will pardon ourselves here. We were given an order from Serafall Levithian to go to the capital of Maou territory, Lilith, to protect the city and evacuate the civilians.”

Since strong people with the power of Ultimate-class Devils are being dispatched to take care of the gigantic-monsters, the governments are making the skilled youths evacuate civilians and protect the cities.

“So have you met with Buchou?”

She nods slowly at my question.

“She’s keeping herself in her room. She won't respond even if I talk to her.”

……So it was no good even with Sona-kaichou who is her best friend.

“But I called someone who is the most suitable at a time like this.”

“Most suitable?”

I asked her doubtfully but she makes a shallow smile. She doesn’t tell me who that person is…….. Who did she call?

When I returned to the floor, the television was showing the

circumstances of the capital. They were continuing the evacuations. Lots of people are being lead to safety by the soldiers. Then the children at the capitals were shown. The woman reporter asks one of the children.

[I’m okay! Oppai-Dragon will come and defeat that monster for us!]

The child answers the question with a big smile. He is holding onto a toy of “Oppai Dragon”. Then lots of voices and energetic faces appear on the screen.

[Yeah! Oppai-Dragon will defeat them!]

[Oppai! Oppai!]

Without showing any anxiety, they just believe that the Oppai-dragon will come to save them.

[Come quickly Oppai-Dragon!]

Seeing them in high spirits, I covered my mouth……to desperately stop the feeling I am keeping within me.

….Can you see, Ise-kun? The appearance of the children who are waiting for you…… They aren’t even showing a single thread of anxiety. They believe that you will come and save them…… Then you have to come back……! You have to be here……! Why can’t you go to them…!? You are their hero……! Please answer them Ise-kun. You can’t betray them……!

“The children of the Underworld are stronger than we think.”

-! A sudden voice. That man is already standing next to me.

“You are!?”

“Hyoudou Issei has put something very precious inside the children’s hearts. ---It’s been a while Kiba Yuuto. I came to see Rias.”

It was Sairaorg Bael.

Sairaorg Bael who was called here by Sona-kaichou arrived in front of Buchou’s room while taking me with him.

“I’m coming in Rias.”

Saying just that, Sairaorg Bael goes into Buchou’s room. When we walk inside the room……we found Buchou sitting on her table. Her eyes are even more hollow than Akeno-san's were and are swollen red. ……She must have been crying this whole time. Sairaorg Bael makes a sigh of boredom after getting close to her.

“You show me something very boring, Rias.”

Seeing his attitude, Buchou asks him with an unpleasant face and voice.

“……Sairaorg. Why did you come here…?”

“I received a call from Sona Sitri. Don’t worry. I received this call privately. So not a single thing about what happened to that man has been leaked to the Great-King faction.”

If the death of Ise-kun is leaked to the politicians from the Great-King faction, then we won’t know how they will argue against the current Maou government after this chaos. Ise-kun has become a very big existence in the Underworld. It seems like this person understands that. I think it is only a

matter of time 'til it is leaked…… But even so, I feel happy for this person’s concern. Sairaorg Bael directly says it to Buchou.

“—Let’s go. It is a crisis in the Underworld. What is the point for you who has strong servants staying here and being useless? We are young Devils with great powers and we need to show and demonstrate it to the people behind us. And we can stand up to the standard of the higher ups, the Maou-sama, who has been watching over us with warm eyes.”

He said something very proper. The usual Buchou would have agreed with that. But Buchou just looked away.

“……It is not my concern.”

“….So you will fall this low, just because your man’s whereabouts are unknown, Rias. You were supposed to be a better woman than this.”

Hearing Sairaorg Bael say that, Buchou throws a pillow at our direction and she gets enraged.

“A world without him! I don’t care about the World without Ise! ……To me he was….. that person was….. He was more important than anyone else. For me to live without him……”

She tries to calm down while shedding tears. But…..

“That man…… The woman who that Sekiryuutei, Hyoudou Issei, fell in love with wasn’t a woman like this!”

Sairaorg said it loud to Buchou.

“That man was a strong person who kept on standing up with courage for your dream and living up to your

expectations! How can the master, the woman that man loved, have such a low capacity and appearance!?”

Buchou seems shocked hearing Sairaorg Bael’s words. Sairaorg Bael continues.

“Stand up Rias. That man stood up no matter what. He stepped forward. He just kept on going forward. You should know that man, who defeated me in a fist fight head on, the best!”

Something only a rival can understand. Sairaorg Bael must have felt something from Ise-kun in that Rating Game through their fists and witnessed Ise-kun’s way of life.

“And do you really think that man actually died?”

-! Buchou…..and I became speechless at hearing Sairaorg Bael. He smiles looking at our reaction.

“Then that is something to laugh about. There’s no way that man will die. I will ask you one thing. Did that man make love to you yet?”

“……No he didn’t make love to me”

Hearing Buchou say that, Sairaorg laughed loud.

“Hahahahahahahahahahaha!”

After he finished his laugh, he then says it with eyes full of strength.

“Then that man really didn’t die. There’s no way that Hyoudou Issei will die when there's you and other women that are in love with him. He wanted to make love to you the

most. There’s no way he will die without making love to you.”

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….That is something unreliable. But Sairaorg Bael’s words had more persuasive power than anything else.

“Isn’t that the [Oppai-Dragon]?”

He turns around after saying that.

“I will wait at the battlefield. ---Definitely come, Rias. And Gremory team! How can you call yourselves [Oppai-Dragon]’s comrades if you don’t protect the children of the Underworld who that man tried to protect!”

After saying that he leaves.

……A sudden silence.

So this is what Sona-kaichou meant by most suitable. …… Yes. We could have searched more to find the possibility of his survival. We could have searched for his resurrection even if his evil pieces were the only thing that returned! How come we couldn’t realise something so simple and easy to understand like that?

It looked like there was a bit of light in Buchou’s eyes.

And a bit of hope returned within me.

Sairaorg Bael. A man who fights only with his fists. That’s why it seemed like there is something only that man can understand…..

That certainly has reached us.

Part 3

After hearing that a certain someone has shown himself within the castle, I was walking towards where he is. I also know the reason why that person came. Most likely to cure the curse “that person” has on himself. That room is located in the basement of the castle. –The Vali team is over there. After that incident, their leader Vali got put in an unfavourable condition so the head of Gremory decided to hide them after being asked by Sirzechs-sama and Azazel-sensei. Of course having the terrorists in the Gremory castle will be a very serious matter. Even so, it is true that they helped us……they helped Buchou. Hearing that, the head of the Gremory decided to take care of them temporarily.

They have been classified as traitors from the Hero-faction and they are wanted by various groups. Right now, hiding is also hard for them. So the suggestion from the Gremory is like a passing boat for them. When I entered the room Vali is resting in, I see members of The Vali team and an old man with a very small build. He had a very wrinkled face with cyber-type sunglasses, and a pipe in his mouth.

-It’s the man himself, the first Sun Wukong.

Yes, the person I wanted to meet is this person. The reason I came down here to the basement is because there is something I want to ask him. The First is putting his hand on Vali’s body and he is using Sennjutsu to make the Ki flow within Vali’s body. He moved his hand covered in white Touki light from Vali’s stomach, to his chest, to his neck, and then to his mouth.

GOUGH…..

A black solid came out from Vali’s mouth. The First put the black solid into a transparent jar and then closed it with a lid. On top of that he put something that looks like a sealing paper and sealed it. That is most likely the poison of Samael that was inside Vali’s body. The First then smiles.

“I took out most of the curse with the sennjutsu. Now your body should feel better. Geez. When I thought that the super stupid Bikou made a call to me, I never thought it was to take care of the Vanishing Dragon.”

Bikou who is sitting on the chair next to the bed had his eyes half opened. It seems like the one who called the First was Bikou. I heard that the First is someone he can’t deal with…… It might be an action taken because he wanted to save Vali.

“Shut up, Geezer. –So will Vali recover?”

“Well this guy is someone with exceptionally high demonic-powers. It will be enough if I just give it a start.”

“…..My gratitude, First-dono. Looks like I can fight with this.”

Vali gave his gratitude to the First with respect. For that Hakuryuukou to give respect to someone….. Even the First Sun Wukong is a very big existence to him. First says while smacking Bikou’s head,

“To think about fighting after having the curse lifted. A Battle-maniac which can’t be helped. –Now I will be on my way then, since I got to see the idiot’s face.”

“Are you going somewhere Geezer?”

“Well even if I look like this, I’m Sakra’s vanguard. Just a little errand in the Underworld. –Something you could call, taking down a terrorist. That Sakra sure does make a Geezer work hard.”

So the First will also be helping out this time as well. He sounds like a very supportive ally but there is one thing bugging me. Vali voices my suspicions instead.

“…First-dono. Sakra is connected to Cao Cao right? The incident at Kyoto. The meeting between the Youkai and Sakra’s side. So where is Cao Cao standing in Sakra’s mind since he interfered in the meeting?”

Yes. Sakra and Cao Cao are connected. I heard it from Azazel-sensei. But the incident in Kyoto doesn’t connect then. So what does that mean? The more we think, the more mysterious it gets. The First just smiles happily.

“No idea. Since I’m just a vanguard of Sakra and a freedom Geezer at that. I’m not interested in what that baldy God of military arts is thinking.”

It feels like he isn’t hiding anything. This person didn’t have any evil intents from the beginning. I can sense him having a naughty personality just like Bikou, but I can’t sense even the slightest enmity towards us.

……Though I would agree if he said that he is using Sennjutsu to make us think like that……. The First says it while putting his hand under his chin.

“But I don’t think Sakra will rampage, you know? I don’t know what will happen from now. He would most likely just watch from the sides. Though Hades overdid it this time.”

-Hades.

So I am not mistaking it, that his “rampage” led to this incident. ……If Sakra also gets involved, then the Underworld will have an even bigger crisis on its hands. He is a Battle-God that is said to have the power where all the Yondai-Maou have to combine their powers and finally they would have the power which rivals him. When the First and Vali’s conversation finished, I interrupted their discussion.

“First. I have come here because there is something I wanted to ask you.”

“What is it, Holy-demonic-sword guy. This Geezer will answer anything He is able to.”

“I want to ask you, who just touched the curse of Samael. ----In what circumstance can a Dragon survive after receiving this curse?”

A Dai-Youkai[1] who mastered Youjutsu and Sennjutsu. The one who was promoted into a God. Qítia-n Dàshèng[2] Sun Wukong. How did this person feel when he touched the “Snake of Eden's”, the curse of Samael. I want to ask him that.

“First of all, the body can’t be saved. From the density of this curse, the body will perish first. Then their soul. There’s nothing more fragile than a soul which lost its vessel. Though the soul will also get devoured by the curse and perish quickly. Now the problem starts from here. ---Why didn’t the evil-pieces which are connected with the soul receive the curse? What happened to the Sekiryuutei reached the ears of this Geezer as well. The pieces returned to the master right?”

So this person already knows as well.

“Yes. Only the pieces responded to the summon.”

“Was the curse of Samael detected from the pieces?”

“No, it wasn’t detected. Samael’s aura was only felt from the Dragon-Gate. His pieces weren’t cursed with Samael’s curse.”

It happened just like how I answered. When Ise-kun’s evil-pieces returned, Sensei examined the evil-pieces, but it wasn’t cursed by Samael’s curse.

……Sensei made sharp eyes after knowing that and returned to Grigori headquarters…….

If I think about it now, the doubt of Ise-kun’s death had existed from back then. All of us, me and my comrades, thought that cases like the return of the evil-pieces would mean death. Because of the sadness of losing him and learning the facts about previous cases, we discarded the possibility of his survival. The First puffed his pipe and then smiled at my reply.

“—Then it means that there is a possibility that his soul is at least safe. I don’t know what state that erotic boy is in, but he might just be floating in the dimensional gap.”

……When I heard those words, I tried very hard to keep down the emotions which were about to come out of me. Not yet. It’s too early for that. It’s still too early to be overjoyed…..! But there are still possibilities! The possibility that my best friend is alive!

The First smiles when he sees me shaking and then turns around.

“See you then. I have Yu-long waiting outside. ---Oh. So what are you going to do now, Bikou? I hear that you guys are wanted by all the factions and [Khaos-Brigade] right?”

Bikou scratches his cheeks when he gets asked by the First. Kuroka who is next to him says it while making a fist.

“I’m just going to follow our leader –nyan. Afterall, I have the most fun hanging around this team.”

The magician, Le Fay, also nods.

“Yes. I will also follow everyone else! How about you Arthur-oniisama?”

Arthur who has a calm aura like always says it with a smile.

“I don’t have a single interest nor attachment to the Hero-faction. I will be able to meet strong foes if I stay here and do the same things we have been doing till now. At least for me, it’s easier to be with Vali than Cao Cao.”

Hearing their opinions, Bikou says it to Vali.

“I will also just follow you like I did until now. The only one who can order half-assed guys like us is you Vali.”

Hearing the thoughts of his team mates, Vali made a small smile.

“…..I’m sorry.”

“Act like you usually do! Don’t apologise Ketsu-Ryuukou[3]!”

Bikou says it while making a big laugh and smacking Vali’s back.

“Stop it. Albion will cry. He’s already in a state where he’s asking for a counsellor.”

…….So Albion also had his heart that torn huh. So the reason why Albion was absolutely quiet back in the artificial-

dimension is because he didn’t have any energy left in him?

“Sekiryuutei attracts the hearts of people. Hakuryuukou attracts the hearts of the “exiled”. Two-Heavenly Dragons. You guys are Heads and tails. You guys are interesting Heavenly Dragons.”

The First Sun Wukong leaves after saying that. Confirming that the First left, I ask Vali once again.

“Vali Lucifer. What are you going to do?”

“…..Will you be satisfied if I say that I will take Hyoudou Issei’s revenge, Kiba Yuuto?”

“No. I will just spit it out and say that it’s not like you. And if there are those we have to seek revenge on, then that is our job. No. I will take them down.”

He smiles at my answer.

“I see. That’s right. ---I just want to release the power I couldn’t to someone. There are lots of people I am after and there are lots of people who are after me so it shouldn’t be a problem.”

Vali showed a smile of a battle-maniac who doesn’t feel like he will lose.

After asking the First about what I wanted to know at the room The Vali team is present in, I came out of the basement. I was thinking of sending the opinion the First gave to a certain someone. But…..

“Yuuto-san. So you were here.”

Someone calls me from behind. –It is Grayfia-sama. But she is not in the maid outfit she is usually in. She tied her braided hair into one, and she is wearing a battle costume which shows her body line. I can understand what it means with one look. –She will be heading out as a servant of Maou.

“Grayfia-sama……. You are going to the front line?”

Grayfia-sama nods at my question.

“Yes. Because of the Holy-spear, Lucifer’s servants and I will assault the monster, Jabberwocky, who is progressing to the capital since Sirzechs can’t go out. We will stop its movement at least.”

If this person says that with confidence, then I strongly feel that it will turn out like that. Other pursuit squads had attempted to freeze the Gigantic monsters, forcibly teleporting them, or creating a huge hole to seal their movements. But all of them ended in failure. I received information that demonic powers and magic relating to transport by force, space, and time won't work on them. Maybe those monsters were created with a spell where such techniques won’t work on them.

…..To be able to create such a terrifying thing….. Just like I thought, the possibilities [Annihilation Maker] has are very dangerous. I can understand why the higher-ups placed it among the Top-tier Longinus and discussed seriously about whether they should seal it away. Even so, I start to think that the Lucifer servants who are said to be the strongest among the Devils can stop them. My sword master is also in the Lucifer group and he is a [Knight]. There is nothing he cannot cut with his absolute technique.

“Can you give this to Rias? It is information from Sirzechs and Governor-Azazel.”

From Sirzechs-sama……and Sensei? Grayfia-sama handed me a memo with information on it.

“This is?”

Knowing that it is rude, I checked the memo which is for my master. On it, the words “Ajuka Beelzebub” and “Base” written with Devils letters.

“The current location where the current-Beelzebub, Ajuka Beelzebub-sama, is at. I will also pass you on the message from Govenor-Azazel. "Have him look at Ise’s evil-pieces. If it’s that man, then he should be able to analyse what's left in the pieces". Go there with Rias and the others, Yuuto-san. Ajuka-sama should be able to pick up any possibility.”

Yes. This Maou is the one who created the evil-pieces system. And he is the person I wanted to contact. …..So Sensei gathered information beforehand. He was concerned about us, even though he is supposed to be the busiest person right now……

…..Thank you very much Sensei. Ajuka-sama will definitely tell us about any possibility. Grayfia-sama then smiles.

“I won’t allow the person who will become my brother-in-law to perish with something like this. Go and get the information of his safety and make Rias stand on her feet again. It is foolish for her to call herself the next-generation when a youth with power isn’t even standing for the crisis of the Underworld.”

……Ise-kun. Your sister-in-law is very kind and also very strict.

Life.-2 Pal

Part 1

It’s late at night. The six of us, Buchou, Akeno-san, Asia-san, Koneko-chan, Ravel-san and I, arrived at the location written on the memo Grayfia-sama gave us. After that, I told Buchou about the things I learned, and I was able to get her out of her room. I also said to the other members what Grayfia-sama told me, and I was somehow able to get them to come as well. Everyone came here with me as if they were relying on a medicine.

……This town is in the human world and is about 8 stations away by train from the town we live in. An abandoned building located outside of town that was devoid of people. They say that this is one of the hideouts of Ajuka Beelzebub in the human world.

…..I never imagined or sensed that he would have been here. It wouldn't even be a funny joke if I was to estimate that person though. We took a step inside the abandoned building. The lobby in the first floor had lots of people. It seemed like young males and females were talking with each other, splitting into groups.

…..They aren’t Devils. That’s because I don’t sense even slight demonic-powers from them, but I do feel something weird from them. Everyone here had an atmosphere that people with unique power have. One of the groups realised we were present, and they took out their mobile phones and directed them at us. One of the men put on a serious face and got shocked.

“……Those guys are Devils. And what is it with these insane “levels” and “ranks”……!”

With his words, everyone in this lobby took out their mobile phones and directed them at us.

…..Everyone had their eyes dragged to their mobile phone monitor, and they all had a serious expression. They recognised that we are Devils. And from my judgment, do those mobile phones have the function to measure certain powers……? Then what came to my mind was the personality of Ajuka Beelzebub. His hobbies. I hear that, that person creates “games” in the human world and manages the company. Are those mobile phones a tool which have something to do with it? I think they found out who we are by using it.

…..Getting too much attention doesn’t feel good….. We should leave here quickly and find Ajuka Beelzebub-sama. I don’t think they will assault us….. When I felt that way, a person with the same aura appears from the end of the lobby.

“I am very sorry. Just like it says, this is one of the “lobbies” which are part of the gaming industry…..”

A woman wearing a suit. I can understand that she is different from the others. –She is a Devil. She points at one of the lifts after bowing her head down at us.

“This way. –Ajuka-sama is waiting at the roof.”

We arrived at the roof by using the lift. The place we were escorted to by the lady Devil is a spacious garden on the

rooftop. It's filled with plants. Not just grasses and flowers, but there are also trees growing out. There's also a water fountain. Maybe because it is late at night, but the wind is cold. Only the moon is acting as light, but for us Devils, we can see clearly on this rooftop. The woman bows her head and then leaves. –Then at the same time, someone talked to us.

“The Gremory group. Never thought you would be coming as a group.”

When I looked that way, there was a seat and chair located in the middle of the garden. There is one young man sitting on the chair. A man with a mysterious atmosphere and beauty.

“Ajuka-sama.”

Buchou took a step forward and called the name of the man. Yes. This person is Ajuka Beelzebub-sama. Ajuka Beelzebub-sama speaks, holding the teacup within his hand.

“I heard the story. Seems like you were dragged into something serious. No. Looks like it’s nothing new to your group. Your group is famous for receiving assaults like that.”

Buchou walks towards Ajuka-sama.

“There is something I would like Ajuka-sama to have a look at.”

Buchou tries to take out Ise-kun’s evil pieces from her pocket.

“Hou, something you want me to see? ---But looks like that will have to happen afterwards.”

Ajuka-sama signals Buchou to stop with his hands and then looks at the end of the garden.

“Looks like we have guests besides you.”

With Maou-sama’s words, we also realised their presence as well. People besides us were present in this garden. The ones that appeared from the darkness are……Devils just like us.

“Never thought you would be in a place like this in the human world, the impostor Maou, Ajuka.”

…..There are several men who have a tremendous amount of aura. I can sense that they have the powers of High-class Devils or higher. They are quite skilled. I also know who they are because they called Ajuka Beelzebub-sama an “imposter Maou”. Ajuka Beelzebub-sama makes a bitter smile.

“I think it’s the charm of the old-maou faction that it is easy to tell who you are just by hearing you speak once.”

“I’m also here.”

I also heard a familiar voice from the darkness. The one who also appeared was the white-haired youth, Siegfried. Khaos Brigade. He took a glance at us and looked at Maou-sama once again.

…..Seeing that, there is something coming from within my body…… I’m trying hard to keep that down. …..Not yet. I still can’t. I will release it afterwards.

“……The ones who killed “him”……”

Akeno-san who is behind me has her killing intent even higher. Dangerous aura is coming out of her body. Her will to

fight rose after knowing who the enemy is. Of course. They are basically the ones who we have to seek revenge against for Ise-kun. The girls in the Gremory group won't be dispirited and have their intent to kill down, when the ones who are responsible are right in front of them. Only Asia-san has tears flowing out with regrets saying "Why did Ise-san have to get involved in the quarrel between the Underworld governments.....?".

....Asia-san. I think he would jump into dangerous places if he finds out that the ones he loves and the children of the Underworld are in danger. That is the Sekiryuutei, Hyoudou Issei.

.....But this doesn't match up. Weren't the Old-Maou faction and The Hero-faction supposed to be enemies? I am suspicious of this pairing.

"First time meeting you Ajuka Beelzebub. I'm Siegfried from the Hero-faction. And these gentlemen here are the staff from the previous Maou faction who are cooperating with the Hero-faction."

Ajuka Beelzebub-sama gets greeted by Siegfried. .....So there are Old-Maou faction members who allied with the Hero-faction huh. It really is a complicated organisation.

"I know you. You are a former warrior from the Church, correct Siegfried-kun? You had your name at the top ranking. You were a threat to us before the alliance of the three big powers. If I remember correctly your nickname is Chaos-edge Sieg. ---So what business do you have with me? I already have guests as you can see. I will hear your business then."

Maou-sama questions quietly while folding his hands on the table. .....Apart from Siegfried, the Devils from the Old-Maou

factions are flowing with an aura of hostility. They are planning to attack if Ajuka Beelzebub-sama says a single word that would disturb them. Though this person is still behaving with elegance when he understands the current situation. This person has a different confidence from Sirzechs-sama.

“It’s about the thing we asked you about before. ---How about we make an alliance, Ajuka Beelzebub.”

-! All of us here became shocked!

……I never expected the terrorists would come and ask for an alliance with the current Beelzebub. Siegfried continues on.

“Even though you are part of the Yondai-Maou, you have a different ideology compared to Sirzechs Lucifer and also have your own authority. And your research relating to abnormal things surpasses others. I hear that you can gather the same number of people as the ones that cooperate with Sirzechs.”

I have also heard those rumours. The current Maou government is split into 4 groups, and each group is maintained by faction members of each Maou. The factions with most authority within the four groups are Sirzechs-sama’s faction and Ajuka-sama’s faction. Each faction is cooperating now to maintain the current government, but for simple matters they are against each other and it comes up in the news. From the broadcasts, they have mainly different views on technology organisation. Hearing Siegfried, Ajuka Beelzebub-sama makes a sigh.

“I’m certainly a Maou, and I move with my personal thoughts. I have thrown away Sirzechs' requests numerous times. From the sides, it might look like I’m against Sirzechs'

ideals. The “Game” I’m currently working on is also part of my hobby.”

Siegfried makes a bitter smile at his words.

“We got in serious trouble because of those hobbies.”

…..Judging from their conversation, the game created by Ajuka Beelzebub-sama is interfering with “Khaos Brigade’s” actions……?

“I can say the same to you.”

When Maou-sama said that, Siegfried shrugs his shoulders.

“What attracts us the most about you is that you are the only Devil who could compete against “that” Sirzechs Lucifer. I hear that you and Sirzechs Lucifer are irregular Devils who are envied greatly and feared by the descendants of previous Maou. If one of you joins us, then we can’t ask for anymore man power than that.”

Hearing Siegfried’s opinion, Maou-sama put his hand under his chin. He seemed a bit interested.

“I see. It might be interesting if I become a terrorist and oppose Sirzechs. Seeing his shocked face might be worth it.”

…..Is he serious? I can’t tell what his intentions are…. But he looks very pleased.

“We will also give you the information and research reports to you as well. For someone like yourself who only makes new things, I can guarantee that this report will be something very worth your while.”

Ajuka Beelzebub-sama nods even more at Siegfried’s sweet words.

“I see. The information and research reports “Khaos Brigade” has. Yes, it certainly does seem charming.”

I couldn’t tell whether he was joking or being serious..... Ajuka Beelzebub-sama closed his eyes once and then opened them, then he clearly said.

“---But I don’t need it. To me, the alliance with you does seem appealing, but it’s something I have to decline.”

Siegfried didn’t change his expression even though he was declined. .....Though the Devils around him make their killing intent even higher. Siegfried asks.

“I want to ask you the reason in detail, but I will make it simple. –Why not?”

“The reason why I can concentrate on my hobbies is because Sirzechs considers all of my will as well. He…. No. I have had a long relationship with him. He’s the only one who I can call my friend. That’s why I know him better than anyone, and he knows me better than anyone. I only became a Maou because he became a Maou. That’s how Sirzechs and my relationship goes.”

Ajuka Beelzebub-sama and Sirzechs-sama have known each other for a long time. In other words, they were rivals when they were young. I think there are “things” only the two of them understand. That thing is absolute to Ajuka Beelzebub-sama, and he easily rejected the offer of the terrorists. Siegfried nods without changing his expression. I think he knew the answer he would have got from the beginning.

“I see. A “friend” is the reason you decline us, and I can’t understand that reason, but I do understand that there are ways to decline like that.”

Siegfried makes a sarcastic smile. The Old-Maou faction Devils become noisy.

“That’s why I told you! This man! This man and Sirzechs control the Underworld for their own purpose! No matter how much technology he has brought to the Underworld, we cannot let a Maou who is addicted to playing around rule any longer!”

“Now is the time to be eliminated! Annoying fraudulent existence! We, who have inherited the will of the true Maou, will eliminate you!”

Ajuka Beelzebub-sama smiles at the words of anger he has received.

“Phrases that I hear often. Are you people perhaps saying this to all the people related to the current government of the Underworld? Words that are filled with anger. There isn’t any elegance nor am I interested in them. –In other words, I find you boring.”

“Are you making a fool of us Ajuka?!”

They are about to blow up. No. This would be the start of the battle. They know our faces as well, so we get ready for battle. But…. Ajuka Beelzebub-sama unfolds his hands which are on the top of the table. He put one of his hands forward and creates a magic-circle.

“I know that it is pointless to talk to you. It can’t be helped. I will do my job as a Maou, which I haven’t been doing for a while. –I will eliminate you all.”

[[[Don’t fuck around!]]]

The enraged Devils from the Old-Maou faction released huge amounts of demonic-powers at the same time! It’s something which we will receive fatal wounds from if we were to be hit by them! Maou-sama doesn’t even flinch and just controls the small magic-circle within his hand. The Devil words and formula move at very high speed.

Their attacks are about to hit……. And then! The moment it was about to hit, they all flew in different directions. Seeing that, the Devils from the Old-Maou faction are shocked! Ajuka Beelzebub-sama is still sitting on his chair like before.

“You came here knowing about my ability right? Did you actually think that if it was your demonic-powers, then it will work against me? Or are you shocked because it ended like this even though you powered up yourself? Either way, it’s impossible for you guys.”

The Old-Maou faction guys are shocked at Ajuka Beelzebub-sama’s words. This is just my guess, but they must have strengthened themselves. Sirzechs-sama and Ajuka Beelzebub-sama are heroes who have fought in the front line and were the aces of the anti-Maou faction. Both of their legacies are known throughout the Underworld. Sirzechs-sama has the absolute power of destruction to terminate things. Ajuka Beelzebub-sama is said to have an absolute technique where he can control all phenomenon with just equations and formula. Ajuka Beelzebub-sama changed the directions of the opponents attack with his own demonic powers. The faces on the Devils from the Old-Maou faction are that of those who are in fear. Ajuka Beelzebub-sama continues on.

“From my point of view, all the phenomenon and abilities that occur in this World have rules and laws in them. I am able to get an answer by filling in the equations. I have liked calculations since I was a child. That’s why my demonic-powers became specialised in those areas. Look. I can do things like this.”

Maou-sama looks up to the sky. We and also the Old-Maou faction Devils who are in doubt also look up…….

Little by little, a sound which is cutting through the wind is getting louder. The thing which is coming from the sky is the demonic-power attacks which lost their directions! The demonic-powers which start raining from the sky attack the Devils!

“-!”

One of them perishes without making a noise. The ones who dodged them before they were hit are pursued by the demonic-powers which changed its direction! They get shocked when they see their attacks coming after them!

“So you have controlled our attacks!”

“I can also do this.”

Maou-sama moves the Devil letters and equations in the small magic circle even faster. That magic-circle must be customised and have an equation problem that can calculate the phenomenon. The block of demonic-powers coming after them turn into many bullets. While other ones get more simplified and start going after them.

-For him to control and change the shape of a block of demonic-powers released by others….. And with a fast velocity. All the attacks start going after them.

……The speed also increases when it is going after them! He can actually control other people’s powers like his own hands, and he can even make it stronger…..!

“D-Daaaaamn yooooouuu!!”

They realised that they can’t run away from it, so they once again release an offensive aura from their hands. From the quality of it, it has the same power as the one they shot earlier…… No, it is even more powerful. But the attacks controlled by Ajuka Beelzebub-sama easily break through their attacks and pierce through their bodies. Demonic-powers that were split into many bullets created huge holes in their bodies.

……He even increased the power of the attacks he gained control of! He changes the direction of the attacks coming after him, and he uses the formula to take control of them. On top of that he can change the shape, the velocity and the power of it.

“……So this is the power of this man’s [Kankara formula]……”

“To have this much power with moving only slightly……. How much power do you and Sirzechs possess…….”

The Devils from the Old-Maou faction say that, and go down with the expression of having regrets. So this is the power of Ajuka Beelzebub. Just like they said, Maou-sama stopped their assaults without showing his true powers. After all, that person hasn’t got up from his chair. His powers make me feel something beyond fear. His opponents weren’t weak at all. Even so, he eliminated them without making them do anything by only moving his hands…… I can understand why this person and Sirzechs-sama are said to be in a

different class among Devils. Ajuka Beelzebub-sama then looks at the only one left, Siegfried.

“Now the only one left is Seigfried-kun from the Hero-faction. What will you do?”

He just shrugs his shoulders.

“I still have an ace up my sleeve, so I’m thinking about retreating after using that.”

……I can feel something flowing within me when I saw Siegfried’s smirk. I think this is my fury. Ajuka Beelzebub-sama gets interested at Siegfried’s words.

“Hou, that truly interests me. –But.”

He then looks at me.

“The Gremory’s “Knight”-kun over there. You have been giving off a nice killing intent towards him since before.”

Maou-sama has sensed my will to fight. Ajuka Beelzebub-sama says it to Siegfried while clicking his fingers.

“How about you become his opponent? By the looks of it you are acquainted with this person from the Hero-faction. This building and roof garden are very sturdy. It won’t break down even if your attacks are done with great force.”

…..I couldn’t wish for more. The truth is, I can’t control myself unless I release this feeling I have within me to someone. I took a step forward.

“…..Yuuto.”

Buchou asks me with wonder at my actions.

“…..Buchou, I’m going. If you are going to fight alongside me, then please take care of me.”

I just told her that and continued walking forward while creating a single holy-demonic sword in my hand.

…….Ise-kun.

When I heard that you won’t be returning, what came to my mind was the thing you said to me.

-Hey Kiba. Let’s make a promise that if one of us dies, we will fight for everyone else even harder to honour that loss.

On the day we were training, Ise-kun suddenly said that to me.

“What are you saying. We both will have to survive.”

I replied like that. I remember Ise-kun made a big smile when he heard that. He then continued on like this.

-I know. I also don’t have the slightest intention of dying. Even so, we end up fighting strong foes. There were battles where it wasn’t weird for us to have died.

-That’s why we won’t know what will happen from now. That’s why I thought we should make a promise now if that happens. If one of us dies, then we will fight for everyone even harder for that loss.

-Ah! I will repeat myself, but I don’t have any intention of dying! I still haven’t taken the virginity of the woman I love!

-Also I will hate it if you die as well. I will hate it if my pal dies.

Yeah, you are right. I hate losing my pal.

Ise-kun. You always said that you would return safely. But you didn’t come back.

After losing you, I tried to support the group in my own way. That’s because the girls knew that their hearts wouldn’t last if they lost you. That’s why I thought I would keep my feelings inside me and act calmly. That’s because that was our promise.

But I’m at my limits. I won’t be able to keep my feelings down, if the opponent I truly detest is standing right in front of me……..! That’s because I lost my important friend because of their stupid plans…..! My best friend ... The first friend I made after being born in this world. They took him away from me……

I can’t forgive them!

That’s why Ise-kun. Let me spit out my personal feelings. I made a stance with my holy-demonic sword, and I see the sworn enemy with my eyes filled with hatred.

“Siegfried. I’m sorry but I’m going to release this anger I have within me at you. Because of you people, my dear friend became someone who can't return. ---It is a pretty good reason for you to die.”

Having my killing intent directed at him, Siegfried smiles.

“I can sense a pressure from you that never showed before….. Interesting. But it looks like I have quite a lot of ties with you Gremory group. I never imagined that I would meet you in a place like this. Well who cares. ----Now then. Let’s settle this, the closest Knight-kun friend of Sekiryuutei.”

Four dragon arms appear from his back. –It’s his Balance Breaker. He showed it without hesitation. He draws all of his demonic-swords with his four hands. Having the dragon-slayer sword within my hand, I dashed from where I was standing!

I got closer to him instantly and did a single strike at him. He easily blocked it with only one of his demonic-swords! Impressive. He has a grasp of my movements. Fighting for a long time will be to my disadvantage. I need to finish it with dragon-slayer quickly.

“……..”

Blocking my strike, Siegfried narrows his eyes, and he appears to be thinking about something. When I became in doubt, he nods and then made a sigh.

“If I fight you in this situation, I can’t avoid receiving a critical hit even if I win. That’s how much your skills have improved. Even if I beat you, I will definitely lose my life if I receive an attack from Rias Gremory and Himejima Akeno. It won’t be a bad thing to run away from here now but…… If I were to run away against the Gremory group without doing anything and also failing to negotiate with Ajuka Beelzebub, then I wouldn’t look good to my comrades and the people below me. This certainly is a difficult situation. I especially

don’t find it amusing to be laughed at by Hercules and Jeanne.”

Siegfried complains by himself and he then searches within his pocket. –What he takes out is a pistol. No, it is a bit different. Judging from the sharp tip, is it an injection-type syringe? Siegfried then puts the needlepoint to his neck. He then makes a sarcastic smile.

“This is something that was completed with the help from the old-Maou Shalba Beelzebub. In other words it’s a doping drug. ---For the Sacred Gear that is.”

“So you are going to strengthen your Sacred Gear then?”

He nods at my question. …..So they have been researching for things like that huh. I also know they experimented with Ophis’s snake by having it on the Sacred Gear and forcing out different types of traits. Siegfried then says it.

“What will the result be if we were to inject ourselves with the blood of the true-Maou who is the arch enemy in the Bible of the God who created the Sacred Gears? That was the theme of the research. With quite a number of sacrifices and lots of data collected, it was able to fuse between the Sacred item and deep devilishness.”

……Blood of a Maou! And someone who inherits the blood of True-Maou…… They altered it and made an item that enhances the Sacred Gear. Was that their plan? Siegfried then looks at Gram which he is holding onto.

“Naturally I should be able to defeat you with this Demonic-Emperor-sword Gram….. Unfortunately I am chosen by this sword but you can say that I am also cursed by it. Kiba Yuuto. You can understand what I mean right?”

Like he said, I can understand what he meant.

Why didn’t Siegfried use the Ultimate demonic-sword, Gram?

If it is like what the legend says, the Demonic Emperor sword Gram has incredible sharpness. –It covers itself with offensive aura, it’s so sharp that it can cut through anything. You can call it the demonic-sword version of Durandal. The other trait is its “Dragon-Slayer”. This sword has slain one of the Five-Dragon-Kings, Gigantis Dragon Fafnir(Though Fafnir was later revived by the Norse Gods). In other words it has the two traits which is a sharpness able to cut anything and also the dragon-slayer. That is Demonic-Emperor sword Gram. To make it simpler, it has the traits of Durandal + Ascalon. If we include these traits and also its owner, Siegfried, it truly is an irony.

Siegfried’s Sacred Gear is a sub-species of [Twice Critical]. It’s Balance-Breaker is also a sub-species. His Sacred Gear is said to be a dragon-type Sacred Gear, and just like the name implies, it has the traits of a Dragon. He won’t have a problem wielding Gram if it’s Twice-Critical in basic state. But it will be a different story if it is a Balance-Breaker which skyrockets his abilities. The more he increases his abilities, the more his relationship with Gram worsens. The more Siegfried releases his true ability, the more harmful effects it has on him because of Gram’s Dragon-slayer ability which will terminate Siegfried himself.

The reason why Ise-kun, who is a Sekiryuutei, can put Ascalon inside his gauntlet as if it is nothing is because of the help from the Heavens and that his Sacred Gear is an exception. Even though Siegfried’s Sacred Gear is a sub-species, it is not an exception.

Even though he was chosen by the Ultimate Demonic-sword, his ability wasn’t blessed by the Demonic-Emperor sword. Irony…… You can call it foul play by destiny.

Right now in front of me, there is a man who is being tested by the Sacred Gear system created by the God from the Bible.

Siegfried then starts to spin around Gram.

“…..In Balance-Breaker state like this, it is a good demonic-sword with good balance if I completely shut down its offensive aura. Though if I do that, I won't be able to release its full potential. But if I release its powers….. I will receive fatal wounds by my own sword if I am in a Balance-Breaker state. This sword here isn't concerned about its master’s body.”

If he was to use Gram, then it would be when he isn’t in Balance-Breaker. “Five demonic-swords(Including suppressing Gram’s power) + One sword of light + Twice-Critical Balance-Breaker)” and “Three demonic-swords including Gram with its full power(Twice-Critical base state)”. In this situation and also back at the artificial-dimension, which one would be better to use against us? The answer would be former.

“Yes. If I want to fight using Gram, then I have to fight in my normal state. But comparing with the Balance-Breaker six-swords style, it won’t cope with it. And that becomes more obvious in a battle against you guys. ---I won’t be able to fight against you guys properly if I don’t use Balance Breaker. But it will be a different story if I can use the Demonic-Emperor sword Gram while in Balance-Breaker.”

Siegfried injects the contents of the pistol into his neck.

There was a silence.

….Then Siegfried’s body reacts. His body starts to react even more, and his body started to change.

MICHI-MICHI……

While making a weird and dull sound, the four arms growing from his back become thicker. Each of his fingers start to crumble and merge with the swords they are holding onto. And Siegfried himself starts to change. His expression becomes hard and there are veins on his face. His muscles start to move as if he is a different creature, and the hero-faction uniform he is wearing gets torn. A monster who has four arms that became gigantic which can almost touch the ground. He no longer looks like an Asura. He now looks like a spider monster. And the enormous pressure and creepy aura isn’t normal. While having cramps on his face, he smirks.

[—[Chaos Drive]. That’s what we call it. We call this doping injection a [Chaos Break]. We took the part of the name from “Balance-Breaker” and “Juggernaut-Drive”.]

A low and deep voice. ……Even his voice has changed.

“Marvellous. Humans can create things which surpass Devils and Angels at times. I really think that humans are the ones with the most potential.”

Ajuka Beelzebub-sama says that.

…..Yes. Even though they are humans, they can enhance things created by the God this much and they even use the blood and flesh of a Maou. I can understand why humans get abnormal powers.

-Humans make their desires evolve even more.

Monster…. No. Siegfried who has turned into a demon takes a step forward.

…..That action alone changed the atmosphere of this rooftop garden and miasma is formed. The [Twice Critical] which has four thick arms has merged with the demonic-swords.

-He’s coming!

That’s what I though, and I moved forward rather than observing his attack.

The place I was standing before had whirlwinds, ice pillars, and a crack on the ground. His combo attacks with each of his demonic-swords! If my judgement was even slightly slower, my body would have been cut into pieces!

-! I sensed chills from ahead of me, so I changed my Holy-demonic sword into a Holy-sword and materialised my knight troops. I used them to jump up in the air. Then enormous amounts of aura went past by the place I was standing before! My knight-troops which I used as my stepping stone perished without a trace. I looked at Siegfried from up in the sky. He used Gram.

-So that is the strike of Gram! Even though I dodged it, the offensive aura pierced through me and I feel pain throughout my body! If I get hit by that directly, my body will perish completely. He shot that aura out without charging his sword. And it has the same destructive power as Durandal. No, since it didn’t have charging time, it is more dangerous than Durandal. I would like to be glad at the fact that it doesn’t have the power of holy in it but with that much power in it, I can’t be relieved.

I dropped down on the rooftop and changed my holy-sword back to a Holy-demonic sword and closed my distance with

him. I released my slash at him from the sides, but he easily blocked with one of his demonic-swords……

Sword techniques from each of his four arms have destructive powers and it would destroy my body easily if I receive the attacks head on. The sword of light Siegfried is holding with his left hand is the only sword which isn’t a demonic sword. I can make it perish if I use a holy-demonic sword which devours light…… But I won’t be able to eliminate the five demonic swords that easily.

The sword fight between me and Siegfried dragged on for a while. I attack with high-speed leaving a mirage, but he blocks it with his demonic-swords. ……. His dragon-arms became bigger so my target should have become much easier, but even so he still blocks my attacks.

At times, the Gram which he is holding with his right hand is covered with a dangerous aura when he slashes it towards me. Even if it doesn’t hit me directly; my body is damaged by Gram's offensive aura.

The waves of Gram which didn’t hit me continue to go past me. The rooftop garden is turned into dry soil because of the violent waves from Gram. The reason why this building is still safe is because Ajuka Beelzebub-sama used demonic-powers to strengthen this building. If it was a normal building, Siegfried’s Gram would have destroyed it numerous of times.

-! Then five demonic-swords came slashing towards me! I dodged them while creating a holy-demonic sword at the tip of my foot, and I use that to kick under his arm! Of course this is a dragon-slayer sword! If this hits him, this situation will reverse!

It hit him….. That’s what I thought, but my holy-demonic sword crumbled while making a sound of metal breaking down. ……Are you telling me that the hardness of his body surpasses that of my holy-demonic sword…..!

Seeing that, Siegfried makes a fearless smirk.

[Looks like my strengthened body surpasses that of your dragon-slayer holy-demonic sword.]

Siegfried grabbed the foot I used to kick with, and threw me up in the air…..

….A moment of floating. I can imagine easily that his attacks will come after this. –I then get slammed to the ground!

His intense power slams me violently on the ground. Then a single swing of a demonic-sword comes down at me. –I felt a heavy shock to my body and it feels like my whole body is getting crushed on the floor. The shock pierces through me, and it creates a crater on the floor.

I can hear the noises of cuts through out my body…..

……! With intense pain which I can’t describe with words, I almost lose my consciousness. I threw up the thing coming up from inside my stomach. Lots of blood vomit came out from my mouth and it makes the green garden turn red.

…..With the shock of being slammed down and the strike from a single demonic-sword, the shivers on my body aren't stopping now. I have serious damage in every part of my body…… I can tell many of my bones are broken.

……But I still can’t lose yet. I tried hard to keep myself conscious, and I stood up and moved my legs. After retreating from that position, I fixed my stance and went

slashing at him once again! Siegfried uses his two demonic-swords to easily stop my attack by making a cross.

[For someone like you who has a weak defence, didn’t the attack just now injure you quite a lot?]

Siegfried laughs with a deep voice.

…..Well, yes it has. I don’t have any strength in the hand I’m gripping onto my sword with. While having his swords in a cross, he pushes it against me. My body flew backwards, and my legs became wobbly a bit.

……There isn’t any strength in my legs. At this rate, I will go down. I gather all the strength in my body and move it to my legs. The moment I thought my legs stopped shaking…..

My legs become covered by ice……! Damn it! He froze me with his ice demonic-sword! I tried to melt down the ice by changing my sword into a fire holy-demonic sword. But……

Two ice pillars which grew from the ground pierce through both my thighs. Siegfried then swings down another demonic-sword at me. I twitched my body because my legs were sealed, and I create many holy-demonic-swords in front of me to use them as a shield. But those holy-demonic swords get destroyed and it completely cuts down my left arm from my shoulder……

…….Even though he cut off my arm, I used the fire holy-demonic sword to melt down the ice and I jumped backwards.

……From the wounds, so much blood came out. I changed my sword into a ice holy-demonic sword, and I froze the wounds on my shoulder and the holes on my thighs.

……It’s only a temporary treatment, but the blood should stop with this…….

…..I can feel intense pain throughout my whole body. I have holes on both my legs and I am kneeling down on the floor pathetically. ……My proud legs turned out like this.

“Yuuto…….!”

Buchou calls my name with a painful expression. She’s holding onto Ise-kun’s evil-pieces with both her hands and it seems she is desperately waiting for something.

…..Buchou. Even if you rely on Ise-kun like that, he can’t come here you know? ……What point is there if you don’t stand up? If you lose the will to fight, it will affect the whole group. Because of that, Akeno-san and Koneko-chan are worryingly looking at me but they aren’t sure what to do. – Everyone lost the will to fight because of losing Ise-kun. They only had intent to kill at the beginning, but it didn’t push them enough to fight. There’s no way we can save the Underworld from its crisis in this situation, Sairaorg Bael….!

……I just can’t help but wish that if only I had charisma like Ise-kun where I can deeply encourage everyone else.

“……Kiba-san is also going to die……. No…… I can’t endure anymore of this……..”

Asia-san became panicked and she points her hand at me. She must be trying to send the aura of healing to me…… But what appears is a very weak aura and it seems like she can’t emit her usual amount of aura. Most likely her Sacred Gear ability temporarily became weak as a shock from losing Ise-kun. I kind of predicted that, since Sacred Gears operate with the power of feelings. Buchou and Akeno-san try to

attack by shooting out demonic-powers, but their outputs and powers are much weaker than their usual ones. Siegfried takes it down with a single strike with ease. Koneko-chan's touki and Ravel-san's wing of fire are also weak. It seems like the girls are also shocked about the fact that they can't release their power that much.

….I have to protect them. I have to protect everyone in Ise-kun's place. I took out a Phoenix tear which I got from Ruval Phoenix, and I put it on my wound. The pain disappears instantly and the wounds are also covered. –But it obviously didn't regenerate my left arm.

…..I need to pick my arm which is lying over there afterwards and put it back on. Even though the wounds healed, the amount of blood loss decreased my stamina a lot. Not much strength is left in my legs. Even if I tried to stand up, my legs just shivered. This really does look pathetic. My weakness. That is defence huh. Siegfried sneers at this situation.

[Horrible. I can't even think it's the same Gremory group I fought the other day. You have been giving me good killing intents so I thought you guys were going to intrude in the fight between me and Kiba Yuuto and I was waiting for it. But for you guys to be this bad…..]

No, the truth is I'm also at my limits. –That's because Ise-kun isn't next to me, in front of me, or even behind me when he had always been there before. I never thought it would be this painful not to fight side by side with Ise-kun. If you were next to me, then I wouldn't be kneeling down pathetically like this.

[Hyoudou Issei died in vain. He and Shalba took each other down when he went to chase Shalba who took Ophis away

and stayed in the dimension by himself right? Shalba’s presence disappeared after that. If he was alive he would have declared war against us and demonstrated the power of the Old-Maou faction in the Underworld. If Hyoudou Issei ignored Ophis and returned with you guys, then right about now he could have prepared and gone after Shalba once again. Putting Ophis aside, he could have taken down Shalba afterwards if he'd done that. Not thinking ahead and acting was the bad part of Sekiryuutei.]

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…….My mind became white when I heard Siegfried say that, and then my ill feelings were coming out from within me.

-HYOUDOU ISSEI DIED IN VAIN

…..He died in vain…..? Ise-kun did…….?

…..Don’t talk garbage….! Don’t mess around…..!

What was going through my heart was sorrow, regret, and the promise I made with him. While my body is shivering, I put strength in my legs, and little by little I stood up. While miserably shaking my legs, I stood up. I released the feeling I have within me, which is coming upright to my throat.

“OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!
”

I made a sound which even I couldn’t believe. It feels like something is coming from the depth of my stomach and my heart.

What passed through my mind was what my best friend said.

[Kiba. We are the males of the Gremory group.]

Yeah, I know Ise-kun!

[So let's stand up even if something happens and fight alongside everyone.]

Yes! We need to stand up no matter who our opponent is!

“…..Not yet.”

Step by step, I got closer to Siegfried while creating a holy-demonic sword in my palm.

“I can still fight! I have to stand up! Just like that man! Hyoudou Issei from the Gremory group stood up no matter what and no matter who he was against without backing down!”

If I go down here, I won’t be able to face Ise-kun….!

Isn’t that right, Ise-kun! I won’t be able to call myself your friend if I don’t stand up here.

“Sekiryuutei isn’t a man who you can speak ill about! Don’t talk ill of my friend!”

My yell which is mixed with my cry. I’m really pathetic because only my words are strong.

[It’s no use! Even if you try to become like that Sekiryuutei, you have your limits! No matter how much talent you have, you are just a reincarnated Devil who was reborn from a

human! The damage you received will stop you from moving!]

…..I know that. My body has already reached its limit. I don't even have the strength left to grip onto my sword properly. But…. But! Ise-kun would still go ahead! Possess. Please possess even if it is only a bit! The spirit and willpower which drove that man, Hyoudou Issei! Please reside in me! It happened when I made a stance with my sword and was about to go ahead. There was a red light coming from the side of my sight. When I looked to that direction……

"……Ise's evil-pieces are…"

Ise-kun's evil-pieces that Buchou is holding onto are emitting red lights. One of the pawn pieces floats up in the air. Its red glow became even brighter in the dark night. That piece came flying towards me. And the light gets even stronger! I close my eyes for a slight moment because of the intensity….. But when I opened my eyes….

What is floating before me is a single holy sword. –Ascalon.

"……Ise-kun's evil-piece……turned into Ascalon……?"

-Let's go pal.

"!"

I thought I heard Ise-kun's voice. My tears start to flow from my eyes…….and they aren't stopping. You are such a soft-hearted person. Even though there are only the evil-pieces left, you still care for your comrades……and me……!

I took Ascalon while covering my face with tears.

“You are right Ise-kun. Let’s go! With you by my side, I can get even stronger! If you lend me your strength! We can cut through anyone no matter the opponent!”

The courage which is passing through to me from Ascalon is real. I can feel the same heartening that I had when I fought side by side with you. Yeah, we can do this. This is enough. I….can fight!

My legs stop shivering naturally and unbelievable vitality is coming from the depth of my body. I put strength into the hand I am holding Ascalon with, and I went slashing towards Siegfried! He stops my strike with astonishment.

[…….! Impossible….! You are telling me you can still stand……! Losing that much blood should even stop your prideful legs from moving….!]

“He told me to go. He told me to stand. If Ise-kun tells me something reckless through this sword, I have to go forward then….!”

An enormous amount of aura is released from Ascalon. The dragon-slayer holy sword, Ascalon. Siegfried’s body changes with it. –Weird smoke started coming out from his body. He has a painful expression.

[….What is this power…I can feel from that holy-sword…..!]

I see. So Ascalon is making this man suffer. Even though his body started to endure Gram, it means Ise-kun’s Ascalon is different. I can do this! It happened when I thought like that. Gram which Siegfried is holding onto glows. Is he trying to do something!? I sensed danger so I tried to step back. But that wasn’t it.

Gram is directing its radiance towards me. That isn’t a radiance of hostility, but more like it is accepting me…..

[----! Gram! The Demonic-Emperor sword is responding!? To Kiba Yuuto!? Is this the demerit from the Chaos-Break!?]

Siegfried gets shocked. For him to act like this……

I see. So Gram has re-chosen its owner……in a sudden situation like now.

I shouted towards Gram directly.

“---Come Gram! If you are choosing me, then I shall accept you!”

Hearing, Gram glows even more. That light burns the hand of its owner, Siegfried, as if it is rejecting him. Gram flew up and it impaled the ground in front of me. Seeing that, Siegfried shakes his head, and says it as if he can’t believe what is happening.

[Something like this…..! Something like this can happen!? Sekiryuutei can move even when he’s only a chess piece!? You are telling me he can still fight!? He can make this man stand up!?]

…..Even though Gram had chosen me, I won’t be able to wield it with only one hand. When I thought like that, someone approaches me.

-It’s Asia-san, Koneko-chan and Ravel-san. Koneko-chan lifts my arm which was cut off, and she put it towards the wound on my shoulder. Asia-san put her hand towards there, and she emits light—green light. And Ravel-san supports my body. Receiving a gentle aura, my arm started to reconnect and I started to get the feeling from my arm back.

Asia-san, Koneko-chan and Ravel-san are crying. –They have Ise-kun’s crimson evil-pieces within their hands.

“…..Ise-san said “Asia, you also have to fight”. It feels like he said that through this piece.”

Asia-san smiles while trying to endure crying.

“…..I think he said “Please help my pal” to me as well.”

Koneko-chan also smiles. I started to receive healing from her with her senjutsu. Both of their auras are gentle and filled with love.

“I think I also heard it. Ise-sama’s voice…… “Please help Koneko-san and the others”. Seriously. Saying it to me who isn’t part of this group….. He’s too kind…..!”

Ravel-san says that and smiles after wiping off her tears.

“---“Please fight alongside everyone”. Yes. If it’s that person, he would definitely say that.”

Buchou steps forward while holding onto Ise-kun’s evil-pieces. Even though her eyes are wet with tears, I can see strength inside them.

“Now my adorable servants! Let’s blow away the enemy before us as the Gremory group!”

-She returned.

Buchou’s usual speaking manners. Yeah Ise-kun. She has returned. We can fight. We can definitely fight……anywhere and anyone!

Thanks to Asia-san, my arm which was cut off is reconnected, and I pulled out Gram from the ground which is in front of me.

……I can feel enormous power from it. So this is the ultimate demonic-sword, “Demonic-Emperor sword Gram”. If I use the dragon-slayer of this sword and the dragon-slayer of Ascalon at the same time, Siegfried’s body can’t endure it no matter how hard it's become. I made a stance with both swords and put strength in my legs. Spirit came back to my legs that I am proud of. No, let’s fight once again. But it will be different from before.

-It’s not just me, but this time it will be the Gremory team! Buchou, Asia-san, Koneko-chan and Ravel-san look sharply at Siegfried. Buchou released a huge block of power of destruction from her hand! I went forward at the same time as well!

[Not yet! Even so, I’m a descendant of a hero…….]

A light flashed on top of Siegfried who was just speaking. Then enormous holy-lightning came down from the night sky at him along with his surroundings.

When I look up, I saw Akeno-san up in the air, she was spreading her six Fallen-Angel wings. Her appearance having multiple wings made her look like a Top-tier Fallen-Angel.

“-This is my last resort. Fallen-Angel transformation. I made my blood of “Holy-lightning” denser by asking father and Azazel.”

What is shining on both Akeno-san’s wrist is a bracelet with magical symbols written on it. The magical symbols are popping up with golden light. Those enhanced Akeno-san…..? No, it must have awakened her Fallen-Angel powers she already had. I think Azazel-sensei and Barakiel-san are involved with that bracelet.

“I’m sorry Ise. “Please show your usual smile to everyone”. ---I was about to discard……the feelings you left behind…..! I’m okay now. I can also fight now!”

Akeno-san says that with determined eyes. That’s good. With this, the “Two Great Onee-sama” that Ise-kun and I admired have returned!

Siegfried’s whole body is burnt after receiving a full blow of lightning. There is smoke coming out from various parts of his body. What intense power that holy-lightning had. To give that much damage to Siegfried whose body hardened a lot with the drug…… It must mean the power of Akeno-san’s holy-lightning increased. After that, Buchou’s power of destruction which she shot earlier went at him. All of his dragon arms which had become thicker and larger perish….

Now this is the finishing blow Siegfried!

STAB!

The holy-sword Ascalon and demonic-sword Gram that I am holding onto impale Siegfried’s body. Siegfried throws up loads of blood.

[…….I……am being defeated…….?]

He pats softly on Gram which betrayed him. –The demonic-sword burns his hand as if it rejected him. He laughs at himself seeing that.

“We won, Ise-kun.”

I pulled out the two swords from Siegfried’s body after saying that. There is no more blood coming out of his body. –Receiving two dragon-slayers, his body starts to crumble.

There are cracks throughout his body, and eventually it started to crumble. That spreads throughout his body. While crumbling, he narrows his eyes and laughs quietly.

[……Haha……Hyoudou Issei continues to fight even if killed…..!]

He looks at me and my comrades. There are cracks on his face now.

“Why don’t you use the Phoenix tear? The Hero-faction can get their hands on it from their own connections right?”

I question him. In the battle at Kyoto, they used Phoenix tears. It won’t be weird if they have it. But he shows no sign of using it while his body is crumbling. I felt suspicious. Siegfried shakes his head.

[…..In this state, our bodies can’t be healed by Pheonix tears….. Though the reason for it is still unknown…..]

…..So there was such a demerit like that for this enhancement. I think this information is important.

[……. I knew it….. The warrior from the Church who was raised in that warrior institute……can’t have a proper life……]

Saying that, his body crumbles and he disappeared.

Part 2

We, who defeated the Old-Maou faction members and Siegfried.

Buchou made Ajuka Beelzebub-sama look at Ise-kun’s evil pieces. The pawn piece which turned into Ascalon reverted back to an evil-piece as if it had fulfilled its role. Something that Ise-kun left in his pieces and the remaining aura of Ascalon responded to our feelings and it might have made a change like that perhaps? –That’s what Ajuka Beelzebub said.

Whatever it is, things which we and he could only understand made a phenomenon like that occur. The truth that he is always with us made me very happy.

There is a chess board on top of the table. Maou-sama put Ise-kun’s eight evil-pieces on the spot where “Pawns” are positioned. He activated a small magic circle and it seems like he is checking inside the pieces. After a moment, Ajuka Beelzebub-sama made a sigh of amazement.

“Hou, this is……”

“Did you find out anything?”

When Buchou asks, Maou-sama touches Ise-kun’s evil piece.

“Out of the eight, four of the evil pieces have turned into [mutation pieces]. Though there are different values on each of them…. This is indeed interesting. The Triaina and

Crimson armour must represent these. The combination power of Heavenly-Dragon and evil-pieces, the harmony spec surpasses that which one can imagine. It was worth checking him back then. The phenomenon earlier was indeed interesting. .....Is his will directly reflecting on the evil-pieces?”

....! For four out of the eight pieces to be changed into a [mutation piece]..... When Ise-kun was reincarnated, the [Pawn] pieces used were all regular [Pawn] pieces. The only [mutation piece] Buchou had was used on Gasper-kun. It’s truly amazing that his evil-pieces went through a change like that inside him. This is also the secret factor that Ajuka Beelzebub-sama hid inside the evil-pieces from the beginning.

.....I also think the breast-power has got something to do with it as well. After all, this is Ise-kun we are talking about.

“So did you find anything else from the evil-pieces.....?”

Buchou asks once again. Including me, everyone in our group and Ravel-san have our ears opened at Ajuka Beelzebub-sama. Maou-sama then says it clearly.

“What I can answer you from these evil-pieces is this. –I don’t know what kind of situation he is in, but the possibility of him being alive in the dimensional gap is high. Also the Sekiryuutei Ddraig’s spirit remains as his Sacred Gear. So Hyoudou Issei and Boosted Gear are still together. And these evil-pieces haven’t stopped functioning and could be used again. Though since these evil-pieces are recorded with him, they can only be used on him. No, it will be more appropriate to say that you can “put them back in Hyoudou Issei”.”

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Feelings which I can’t describe with words run through my body. Everyone became speechless and Maou-sama continues his explanation.

“The vessel that these evil-pieces have accepted…. So it means that his soul and body are in an unstable condition and that is certain. If he received Samael’s curse, then his body won’t be safe. I can confirm that from these evil-pieces. But the soul which should be receiving the curse after that seems like it hasn’t perished after examining. Once the body is destroyed, the soul should receive the poison right away….. These evil-pieces are telling me that the soul was still safe after a certain time when his body was destroyed and when it should have perished. It’s hard to grasp the situation with only his soul, but I heard from Governor-Azazel's side that Ophis is together with him. So it won’t be weird if anything happens. No matter in what shape, even if only his soul is alive.”

“Even if the soul is safe, what should we do about……his body which has been destroyed?”

I ask Ajuka Beelzebub-sama.

“Fumu. Are his parents still alive? Or it can be anything like his body hair or DNA information which could be found in his room.”

“His parents are alive. …..I think we can find his body hair in his room if we search for it.”

“Then after his soul returns, it is necessary to have enough DNA from his parents or his body hair so we can recreate his new body which is close to his original. The research institute which is managed by Grigori should be able to do

that. Just recreating his body is possible. By using the clone technique that is.”

“…..So there is another problem?”

Buchou questions him like that. Maou-sama nods and continues.

“The point about whether his soul can adjust to his new body and whether his new body can accept his Sacred Gear, the Boosted Gear. These two points are the problem. For the first one, even if his soul doesn’t adjust, we can use medicine or demonic-powers or magic’s to somehow fix it. But he might need treatment for the rest of his life. But the biggest problem is the second one. –Sacred Gears are delicate. Especially the Longinus. The Fallen-Angels have proved the technique of taking out the Sacred Gear and transfering it. But we can’t tell about the after effects it will have when we transfer the Boosted Gear to the new body. Anyway, he is able to live as your servant once again when you adjust his soul to a new body and use the evil-pieces again. Well, if the evil-pieces make a rejection reaction, no need to worry because I can adjust it. It was fortunate that the evil-pieces didn’t receive Samael’s curse.”

I heard about that before. It’s possible to transfer Sacred Gears. The Fallen-Angel Raynare who took out the Sacred Gears from Asia-san and transferred it to herself is one of the cases like that. But Azazel-sensei also said this.

It’s possible to transfer it, but there is a very high chance to lose other abilities. So it means even if Ise-kun gains a new body and has his soul and Sacred Gear put in it, we can’t throw away the chances of his after treatment and ability loss.

“If the evil-pieces haven’t stopped functioning and if his soul and Sacred Gear are still present, then it is possible to revive him. In other words if they were to disappear, then we wouldn't have any method to revive him. But he’s still with his Sacred Gear…..? Oh yes. There was the case with Regulus Nemea as well. Maybe like that, the Sacred Gear itself remained and his soul is inside it. If his soul is in the Boosted Gear, he can endure for quite some time in the dimensional gap. I hear that Longinus of this generation are making irregular evolution so his luck must be the part of it. –A case which never happened before, but we can say that he has strong luck.”

At this answer, I…….. We……

“Ueeeeeeeeeeeen! Ise-saaaaaan!”

Asia-san cries very loudly. That isn’t a cry of sadness but of joy. Akeno-san, Koneko-chan, and Ravel-san are also shedding huge tears. Inside the despair, we found a single light….. No. It feels like we found a huge hope. Yes if there is a possibility of him being alive, then he must be alive! The reason for that is Hyoudou Issei is the man who made many miracles happen under any situation, and that is everyone's “Oppai Dragon”. Everyone here knows that better than anyone. Buchou covers her face with both her hands, and she shed a tear of joy.

“…….Ise, so you are alive…… Yes, there is no way he would die!”

There is a possibility that Ophis is next to him. If Ise-kun is alive, then it’s natural that Ophis is with him. Like Ajuka Beelzebub-sama said, it won’t be weird if anything happens. If Ddraig is also next to him, then there is no more heart

support than that. Maou-sama finishes looking at the evil-pieces and returns them to Buchou.

“In any case, this is something you should hold on to, Rias Gremory. You should rest assured. Your lover is the [Oppai-Dragon] who makes miracles occur. Maybe his soul might return by itself with Ophis and Sekiryuutei Ddraig’s powers? –I will have people check the dimensional gap. There should have been someone in Falbium’s servants who knows a lot about this stuff.”

When Ajuka Beelzebub-sama put his hand forward, a transport magic circle is created in front of us.

“All of you should get going. The Underworld is in need of the powers of the Young Devils. Don’t be scared, he will come back. I think all of you know that the most. He is a Devil like that, isn’t he?”

Yes, it is exactly like what Ajuka Beelzebub-sama said. If he is alive, then he will definitely return. Even if anything happens, as long as he is alive he will definitely come back to us. No one in here doubted that. Ise-kun. We will be waiting. That’s why please come back.

The Underworld…… The children of the Underworld are waiting for your return!

Dimensional Gap.

…..Una…… Was I sleeping……?

The place I, Hyoudou Issei, woke up is on top of red ground. I saw a weird dream. A dream where I was encouraging Kiba who was fighting against Siegfried. He seemed like he was in trouble so I think I lent him Ascalon….. The others also didn't look happy so I encouraged them as well!

……Huh. Where is this place……?

When I looked around, there were red rocks that are…..spiky? Is it a desert? I'm not sure, but I'm on top of red ground. When I look at the sky, the scenery is mixed up because it has a mixture of different colours. It feels like I'm looking through a kaleidoscope. Wait, is this hell? If I remember, I went after Shalba who took Ophis and I tried to save her……. And then what happened? I was trying to go home….. I beat Shalba and……huh? Did I get beaten instead? My memories are blurry.

[Did you open your eyes? I didn't know what was going to happen to you.]

I can hear my partner's voice.

[Ddraig? Yeah, I lost consciousness and…….huh? Weird. Somehow my body feels weird.]

I realised the change in my body. ……Weird. I don't have any sense of touch! I don't have the sense of touching anything!

I’m wearing the armour right now but I don’t have the sense to feel that! What is going on!? I tried to put my mask back into my armour like I usually do and…… I can’t do it! Th-then how about this!? I made the armour on only my hands disappear. Then-

Hands…. I don’t have my hands!?

My arm, which is supposed to be inside when I take my armour off, isn’t there! W-Wait….. Are you telling me it’s the same with my whole body….? I didn’t know what was happening to me and then Ddraig talked to me.

[Your body was destroyed with Samael’s curse. You are in a state where your soul was taken out of your body and put into the armour. You can say that just your soul is left. But it was a hard decision whether this was actually possible or not.]

……..Eh?

My body was destroyed? Is a state where I’m just a soul? And you put that inside the armour?

I thought about it and I realise right away what this means.

[…..How can this be!? If I don’t have my body, I can’t have sex with Riaaaaaas!!]

I screamed while holding down my head! Holy shit! I can’t touch any oppai if I don’t have my body!? None of Rias’s and Akeno-san’s oppai and Asia’s oppai which is still developing!? You must be kidding me that I can’t touch them anymore!!

I started a relationship with Rias! At this rate I can’t have sex with her!

[……Eh? T-that’s your reaction……?]

My partner made a dumb response. Then I told him!

[It’s not “Eh?”! This is a matter of life and death! I got into a relationship with Rias, but I can’t do erotic stuff without my body! Touch those breasts with my hands! With bare hands! I can’t grope them! It was better if I dieeeed!! How are you telling me to have sex with just my armour!? Dullahan is the only one who can do such weird play!]

Not just Rias! I still haven’t touched enough of Akeno-san’s oppai either! Asia’s and Koneko-chan’s oppai’s are getting started right now you know? Just looking at them is the worst thing that can happen! Maybe it might not be bad if they go inside my armour and say “Aaaah, Ise’s inside is so cold that I’m feeling it”……? No that isn’t good!? I want to feel them with my own skin!

[You are telling me I can’t make babies with Xenovia anymore! Shit! I also wanted to make babies with Irina! Geez, I don’t care if I can only do armour sex now! God damn it! So it should be okay if I can feel oppai with my armour right!?]

[Ah… Ummm. You know Partner….]

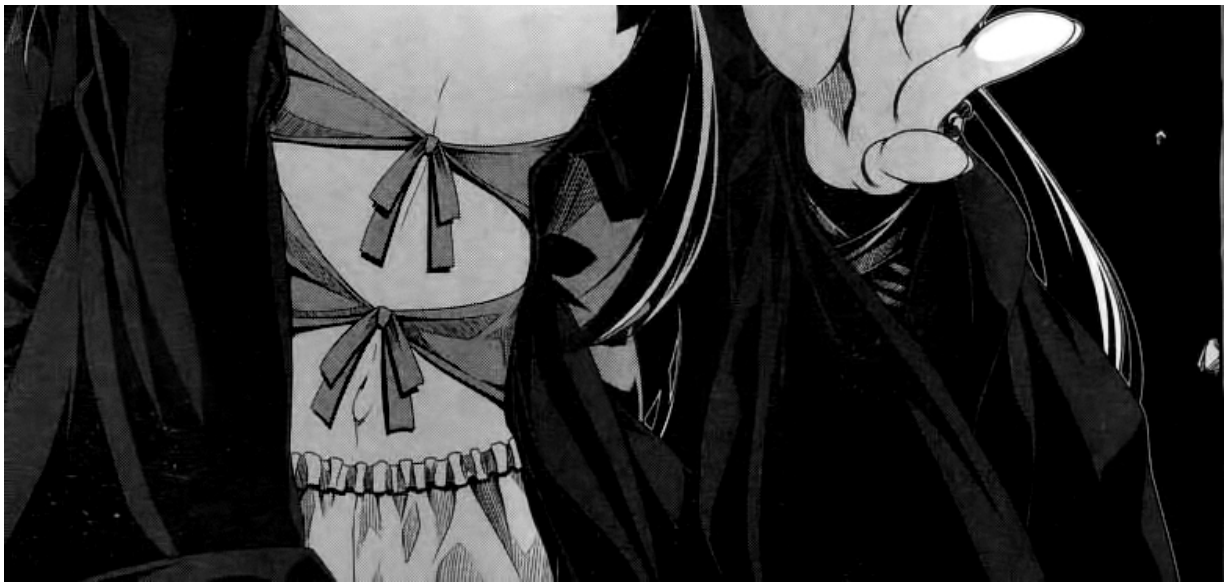
Ddraig made an amazed voice. What is it!? I’m in a shock right now because I lost my body! What else can there be!?

[What is it Ddraig!? I’m really depressed right now! Talk to me afterwards! Shiiiit! I thought I was going to go home after beating that fraud Maou Shalba……. Ah. Where is Ophis anyway? I remained in the artificial dimension to save her.]

Yes, Ophis. I regained my memory. I did beat Shalba afterall. I then saved Ophis and was going back home and I went down after my body was at it’s limit after taking Samael’s curse. And when I regained consciousness I was on top of Red ground and have lost my body. I look around finding Ophis.

“Hit hit hit.”

When I got close to her, Ophis says this.



“I shall defeat Great Red.”

He……? W-What are you saying….. Then, I realised it. Where I am standing, that is! I thought they were rough looking rocks, but……!

I ran on top of the red ground! It wasn’t that large and soon I found the end. But what I found was…. an enormous sharp thing! No this isn’t…..! This is a horn!?

I walk a bit more. And I appeared on top of the head of something! I’m on top of a familiar creature.

Yes this red ground is a gigantic Dragon, Great Red! Uwaaaaaaah! I’m on top of Great Red!

[…..W-Why am I on top of Great Red……?]

Ddraig says it while making a sigh.

[After you defeated Shalba Beelzebub, you used up all your strength in the artificial dimension which was crumbling. After that the artificial dimension collapsed completely. Great Red passed by coincidentally. Then Ophis rode on

Great Red while taking you with her. This is the dimensional gap. By the way several days have passed since then.]

So now its like this huh. To meet Great Red by chance….. I am really lucky. So this is the dimensional gap. It is a mysterious place……

Wait, several days have passed!? ……Ah man. Everyone must be really worried.

[Thinking about how you attract others, I can only think that you attracted Great Red naturally….. Your chance of meeting legendary beings is already abnormal. To avoid danger by your power of attracting others. You are very hard to read like usual.]

Don’t say that…… I’m also concerned about this.

I just want to have an ecchi life peacefully and so why do weird things like these come to me! It’s more than serious. This is a very dangerous thing. I did lose my body, after all!

…..Maybe I should get purified. Ah, I will receive damage if I get purified! I can’t do anything about it!

….Well nothing will start if I say that now. Anyway I’m fine with Great Red coincidently passing by, and being saved.

Ophis stopped hitting Great Red and looked up at the sky.

[What. You didn’t return to your world?]

I say it to Ophis. It wouldn’t have been weird if she went home leaving me behind.

“To me, this is my original World.”

Oh yeah. This dimensional gap is her motherland.

[……I said it in a wrong way. Didn’t you return to the Underworld or human world?]

“You said "let's go home together". That’s why I am here. I will go home together.”

What an honest Dragon-God-sama. She really isn’t bad. She’s pure.

[…..You really are weird. But you weren’t bad after all…… Haaa. By the way, am I able to go home? Wasn’t there a summoning by Sensei?]

[There was. But only your evil-pieces inside you returned. It was a rare phenomenon. Evil-pieces are items with lots of mysteries.]

Ddraig says that! There was a summoning!? But just my evil-pieces returned!?

[Are you serious! Ah, it is true. I can’t feel the response of my evil-pieces!]

This makes me feel down…. Seriously. Even though my soul was saved, I lost my body and evil-pieces….. What remained was my soul, Sacred Gear, and Ddraig? So I am in a state where it is amazing that I am alive. No, even being alive in this state is more amazing….. Seriously, what am I? ……Are you telling me this is the blessing of Chichigami-sama?

[Your power source was because of the evil pieces. Right Partner?]

That is right Ddraig. Triaina and True-Queen were possible because of the evil-pieces. Because of that, I was able to get different powers from the previous Sekiryuutei’s.

[Anyway, I need to tell everyone that I am safe….though I am actually not…… W-Well I want to tell them that I’m at least alive. But am I safe staying like this?]

The inside of my armour is empty….. Can I call myself alive? Oh I am. I do have my conscious.

[You are borrowing Great Red’s power right now. So for now you are.]

Ddraig answers. T-then that means I have to be with Great Red!

[Either way I can’t return normally! Man I’m totally trapped……]

[Can I change back the subject again Partner?]

Ddraig says that.

[Nn? Was there something?]

[Yeah. Reconfirmation of the current situation.]

[Current situation you say…… I have to go on a trip in the dimensional gap with Great Red in this state right? You are telling me to live in a World where there aren't any girls' breasts, butts, and thighs for eternity, right?…….. It’s hell. My road to becoming a Harem-King is far away.]

[Hahahaha! Not giving up on becoming a Harem-King even in this situation! As to be expected from my Partner!]

Ddraig laughs heartily. This isn’t something you can laugh about! This is very serious for me! It’s my dream! The truth is it will be hard to become a Harem-king now since I don’t

have my body anymore! No, I have to think of ways to do erotic stuff with just my armour as my last resort!

[That's it. I can understand why the remaining thoughts of the past hosts left everything in your care.]

.....What are you saying? What do you mean? I then send my conscious to the depth of Sacred Gear. ……I can see that white World. .....There are tables and chairs. ……But no-one is there. There isn't even a single Senpai there! What is the meaning of this!?

Ddraig speaks quietly.

[.....Partner. Your soul was at risk of disappearing because of Samael's poison. It was too late for your body so we had to discard it. What would be affected after the body was your soul. At that rate, your soul was about to be eliminated by Samael's poison. Even I thought there was no way out. I was even prepared to go to the next host.]

……Wait. So how did my soul survive?

[Their remaining thoughts protected your soul from Samael's curse. While they became your substitute for receiving Samael's curse, I pulled your soul out and attached it to the armour. It was perfect timing. If my judgement was slightly slow, you wouldn't have been here now.]

……..

……What…… Then that means I'm here thanks to the Senpais…….! Still, haven't I barely talked to them!? They started to put on good smiles by being released from the curse of Sekiryuutei! They even gave me advice at the artificial dimension! I even thought we could get along from now on as well! This…….. A farewell like this is too much….!

[……I can understand how you feel. That’s why can you please listen to their last words? They left their words behind. –This is their last message to you.]

Yeah please let me hear it! The words they left behind for me!

…..Wait….I think there was a similar situation like this before…..A bad prediction crossed my mind. Then a vision appears from the jewel. It has the recording of the faces of my Senpais. They said it to me with very refreshing smiles.

[[[[Pochi and Pochi, Zoom Zoom, Iyaaaan!]]]]

……..

There was nothing I could say. It’s just like how I imagined! I knew it would turn up like this! How much do you guys, the past Sekiryuutei, love that song!? From the side of the vision, Hakuryuukou-senpai shows his smile.

[Butts are also wonderful, current-Sekiryuutei.]

Tell that to Vaaaaaaaaaaali!!

Ah the vision disappeared! Are you serious!? This is it!? Nmooooooooooou! How come you Senpai’s aren’t leaving any nice words to your Kouhai[4]!! The only thing I can say to them is “Thank you very much! I will do my best!” while holding down my head! No, I’m really grateful to them for saving my life! So make it more emotional then! I made a sigh and Ddraig says it to me.

[Look at the far end to the left.]

I looked after Ddraig said that. –There is a swollen block of flesh. ……Did Great Red get bitten by a mosquito? Ah, it has

a pulse! Is something inside?

[What’s that?]

[That is a cocoon. No, you can say that is a cultivation capsule.]

[Cocoon? Cultivation? What’s inside?]

[Yeah, your body. Your body which has been destroyed once is receiving new flesh in there. It’s giving birth to your new body with a part of Great Red’s flesh and Ophis’s powers.]

…….

…….What did you say…….?

I was speechless, and Ddraig laughed heartily.

[Kukuku. You will be revived by the True-Dragon and Dragon-God. –Partner. Let’s prepare for the counter-attack.]

Satan

Realm of the dead.

Located in the lower strata of the Underworld and the place where the souls of the dead are sorted. I, Azazel, am visiting it.

The realm of the dead is of the Olympus World…….the God from the Greek-faction Hades is in control of it. It isn’t as big as the Underworld and it's the World of the dead, it is a wasteland that no creature can live in.

An ancient Greek shrine appears as I move to the depths. It is the place where the Grim Reapers of this World live as well as the castle of Hades, the “Hades Shrine”.

I step foot in it along with several people. The moment we entered, the Grim Reapers gathered and looked at us with hostility. We came here without any call. So to them, it must appear like an attack. The reason we came here is simple. It’s to make a complaint to that bastard, Hades, and to stop that Skeleton-Geezer from doing whatever he wishes to the Underworld during the current crisis. It’s that shit who is obsessed with pestering the Devils and Fallen-Angels. He must be plotting to intrude at the right time, while the gigantic monsters of [Annihilation Maker] are rampaging in the Underworld. So we also came here to make sure he doesn’t do anything funny.

The place we arrived in, is something that looks like a ritual area. Ornaments such as gold are used for the interior and

it's so gorgeous that it doesn’t suit being in the Underworld. There is a carving on the wall of the trinity Gods of Olympus – Zeus, Poseidon and Hades and it is carved to stand out . Then from the depths of the shrine, a Skeleton-sama wearing vestments worn by priests, Hades, approaches while bringing several Grim Reapers with him. He sure has a disgusting aura around him.

The Grim Reapers who are with him seem to be quite formidable as well. Judging from the aura they are leaking, they must be either Top-level Grim Reapers or Ultimate-level Grim Reapers.

……Though the Ultimate-level Grim Reaper from the other day, Pluto, isn’t here so that is bugging me…..

Seeing Hades, the man next to me takes a step forward.

“It has been a while. It is I, Maou-Lucifer from the Underworld, Sirzechs at your service. The God of the realm of the Dead, Hades-sama. I’m very sorry for the sudden visit.”

Yes, one of the members who came with me is Sirzechs. After I returned from the artificial dimension, I told everything to this guy including about Ophis and Ise. I know I wasn’t in a position to be forgiven, but I still said “I’m sorry” to Sirzechs. This guy listened to my details silently without changing his expression. He didn’t even blame me for it. ……..I was even prepared to get hit by you for making Rias and Ise end up like that. That’s how many sins I have committed……

After ordering his subordinates as countermeasure for the Gigantic monsters which are progressing and the Old-Maou faction members who are rampaging at each area, Sirzechs said this to me. “I’m planning to go to the realm of the dead. I want you to come with me”.

Sirzechs predicted that Hades would make his move during this chaos. How should we handle Hades who won't even listen to us? The answer for that is for the Maou himself to visit Hades. And I also received new information regarding Ise just before. I also told Sirzechs. Sirzechs was also relieved. He must have been very worried.

Eitherway, if Ophis is with him and Ddraig is also safe, he can come back somehow. He is the invincible Oppai Dragon-sama after all.

The Devil side has also started searching in the dimensional gap, so sooner or later he will come back. What's left is to make a new body for him. ……Putting his soul aside, I'm not sure if putting back his Sacred Gear will work smoothly….. I just want to change him back with minimal negative factors. Hades laughs.

<<For you all to come here…. Fafafafa. I certainly didn't expect this.>>

Though it seems you are pretty confident. His strength is the real deal though. He knows that he can beat us even if he were to fight against me and Sirzechs. Michael also said he wanted to come with us, but I stopped him because having the Angel-Elder stepping foot in hell is a bit of a problem. Hades then looks at the person behind us.

<<So who is that fake Angel over there? I can feel an abnormal presence from him>>

The one standing behind us is a youth wearing the robe of a priest and he has blonde hair and green eyes. –From his back, 10 pure-white wings are growing out. The youth made a simple introduction.

“Hello. My name is Dulio Gesualdo, [Brave Saint]’s Joker. I’m here as a guard for Lucifer-sama and Azazel-sama. Though it doesn't seem like they need it. Though Michael-sama said “Just in case”. It’s a job of an Angel, a job.”

He seems very light hearted….. Just like the rumours. The weirdo Joker, Dulio. The possessor of [Zenith Tempest] and a [Brave Saint] who controls the sky.

<<……The rumoured trump card of the heavens huh. I hear that the Longinus within you can freely control the weather of the World….. Fafafafa. That Michael. I never expected him to send his Joker here.>>

That’s how much of a threat you are. Also outside, the possessor of Longinus [Canis Lykaon] that I brought here is on standby. Just in case something happens.

<<The bosses of the bats and crows, and two Longinuses….. Don’t you think it’s a bit of a bullying to bring such people to an old guy like me?>>

Look who’s talking. You have the power to take us even with these members. ……So Slash Dog who is stationed outside is already known to him. To be expected from God-sama of the realm of the dead.

<<It might not be bad to talk to all of you while drinking tea……. But I will ask you. What business do you have here? >>

…..You already know why. How much do you have to irritate us to satisfy yourself…..! Sirzechs answers normally.

“A few days ago there was an incident at the Underworld which took place at the territory of Glasya-Labolas. My sister, her servants and Azazel over here received an assault from

the Khaos-Brigade at the hotel near the Mid-class Devil promotion stadium.”

<<Ah, that. I have received the report about it.>>

“And I heard that the Governor and others were attacked by the Grim Reapers.”

<<I heard that your sister and Azazel-dono were trying to get in touch with “the Uroboros”, Ophis secretly. So I had them investigate it. All of the factions are thinking of having an alliance after all. The relationship between the whole factions will crumble if there is such treason like that. And it will be even worse if this action was done by Governor Azazel who talks about peace more than anyone else. So I wanted to know what is going through the mind of the Governor I admire. So I had my underlings look into it. I told them to give you a small warning if such treason did happen.>>

Hades explains while putting words of respect now and then in his speech. …..His words make me feel sick. I really want to pierce this guy’s neck with my spear of light……

This shit. He said the things Pluto was saying was a joke! You are telling me that was the small warning!? You send that many Grim Reapers and also a legendary Grim Reaper……! He continues while touching his chin which doesn’t have any flesh.

<<Though it seems like it was my misunderstanding. If you received any casualties then I will apologise. If you want atonement then tell me. I can grant you basically anything except my life.>>

……Speaking manners and attitude where he is talking down at us. He must be doing it on purpose, but it certainly

is working to piss me off. Since I was at that scene, my anger is rising. But there is a reason why I am not getting dragged into his words.

….That’s because there is someone here giving out intense pressure. …..I never knew your calm expression would be this scary Sirzechs. You usually don’t let me sense any of your aura at all, but I can sense lots of aura coming from you. Listening to Hades, Sirzechs nods once.

“Is that so. So it was your misunderstanding…… I see. I also came here because I've heard a rumour which doesn’t sound that good.”

You are getting into the main point, aye Sirzechs. Sirzechs questions once again.

“Hades-sama. I received a report that you are connected with The Khaos-Brigade behind the scenes. I hear that you are helping the Hero-faction and Old-Maou faction. I also heard that they used Samael. If this is true, then your actions will be seen as a serious treason. Even if we are standing in different positions, all the factions agreed not to have that come out. I don’t want to question your innocence, but just for confirmation will you let us see how is the situation of the seal of Samael?”

We can find out whether Hades used Samael by checking how long the seal has been used to seal Samael. If he is innocent, then the seal should have been performed a very long time ago. If he is guilty, then the seal should have been undone recently. If we can confirm that, then we will get a reason to blame him. It seemed like Hades made a sigh at Sirzechs’s question.

<<This is idiotic. I am busy. I don’t have time to be accused of such things.>>

Hades tries to leave just saying that! Hey hey hey! This bastard ignores things which put him in a bad situation! I try to go after him but Sirzechs stops me with his hand.

“I understand. Then I will stop questioning you. But it is the truth that you are being accused. So let’s do one thing then? I would like you to stay with us here until the monster incidents settle in the Underworld.”

Sirzechs makes a suggestion to make Hades stay here. An idea to have Hades under the surveillance of the Maou himself, so Hades won’t be able to interfere with the Underworld.

This is our last resort. Though we knew it would come to this from the beginning. I also suggested we seal Hades’s shrine until all the monsters are eliminated. But Sirzechs said that he wants to talk with him instead. It’s not that he can't endure things, but this is Sirzechs’s kind personality which makes him do things to make casualties as low as possible. Hades stops and turns around.

<<You say something interesting lad. Yes….. How about this then? –I won’t mind accepting that suggestion if your show me your true form.>>

……

I became speechless for a moment at Hades’s words.

……This shitty-bastard came down to this huh.

Hades continues.

<<I heard rumours about it. The reason why the Devil named “Sirzechs” became a being that is called Lucifer. The

reason for which you have surpassed the beings called Devils.>>

…..A moment of silence.

Sirzechs nods.

“-Very well. If it will make you stay here, then that is a very cheap deal. But I suggest to have those around you back off. –They will definitely perish.”

<<Hou. That would be interesting. The ones around me aren’t only High-level Grim Reapers, but there are also Ultimate-class Grim Reapers within them. Even so, I don’t think there are lies within your words.>>

At Sirzechs words, the Grim Reapers around Hades have even stronger hostility. Sirzechs takes his shirt off and tells me and Dulio to back away.

…..Are you really going to do it Sirzechs? While me and Dulio watch, Sirzechs increases his demonic powers. The demonic power of destruction emits from his body, and his body starts to turn red.

Then……

The whole shrine started to shake. ……it must have shook because of Sirzechs’s demonic powers. This proves that the shrine which is made very solid is screeching. Violent cracks are made everywhere within the ritual area and that includes ceiling, walls, and the ground. From these shakes not only the shrine but, is the whole area around here shaking with Sirzechs’s demonic powers…..?

Sirzechs’s surroundings perish without leaving a single speck of dust, due to the power of destruction emitting from

him. The moment a crimson aura envelops Sirzechs, the intense aura envelops this whole area!

…….The shaking stops. Then there was silence within the shrine. What appeared in the middle was power of destruction in the shape of a human. The new form of power of destruction looks at Hades.

[In this form, the power of destruction spreads without my command. Without any barrier of field, it will make everything go back to nothingness. –It was fortunate that this shrine was made very strong. It seems like this place will last longer.]

The new form of the power of destruction is none other than Sirzechs himself.

So this is the true form of Sirzechs……

Are you telling me that insane quantity of power of destruction compressed itself into the form of a human……? But the quantity of aura I can feel with my skin……! From the amount of aura I can feel right now……. Isn't it ten times more than that of the former Lucifer!?

When I was at the Gremory residence Sirzech's father, current head of Gremory, said this to me.

"Governor Azazel. Sometimes I wonder and think that my son is a different being to a Devil and I sometimes wonder if it is okay to classify him as a Devil."

That time I asked him by saying "What do you mean by that?". The current head then said this while narrowing his

eyes.

“There is no doubt that he is a mutation of a Devil. Why did that happen? Is there something in my blood? Or is it a special trait inside the blood of Bael? We don’t know anything about it. –Except it is certain that Sirzechs and Ajuka are the only Super-Devils within the current Underworld. Maybe it was their destiny to become a Maou. After all there wasn’t any other position which would fit them. That’s how powerful Sirzechs is.”

……I now know what you mean Lord-Gremory. I can understand why Sirzechs was an Ace in the battle against the former-Maou government. …..If someone like him who has unreal demonic-power is present, then the sides will overturn. And there were two Devils with unreal powers. Sirzechs and Ajuka. It must have been natural that the Anti-Maou faction at that time won.

……Though there is one more Devil who you can call a Super-Devil though…… Though he hid himself somewhere. If he comes out, then that will be very dangerous.

“…….Hahahaha. Looks like he doesn’t need a guard.”

Behind me, the Joker Dulio was making a sarcastic laugh. Yeah. It will be natural to feel that way when you see this.

[Does this satisfy you Hades-dono?]

Hades makes a laugh at Sirzechs’s words.

<<Fafafafa. You monster. I see. You have greatly surpassed the former Lucifer. You even greatly outclass the category of a Maou. No, I can feel powers which make me doubt if I can even call you a Devil. –What are you?>>

[That’s what I would like to know. Though it’s certain that it is a sudden mutation. –Either way, the current me can eliminate you.]

<<Fafafa. Doesn’t sound like a joke at all. If we fight, then the realm of the dead will definitely perish.>>

Yeah. If it is the current Sirzechs, then that won’t be a joke. This miscalculation makes me very happy. At worst I thought we had to handle Hades by force, but the current Sirzechs’s power can accomplish that with ease.

Geez! Ise and Rias! Your brother is insane!

One Grim Reaper approaches Hades. The Grim Reaper whispers something to him. Hades who has received a report points his hands towards the fire positioned in the ritual area. A vision appears within the fire. What appears on the vision was a certain group rampaging against a very large army of Grim Reapers.

[Ora ora ora! How much can you endure against my rod Grim Reapers-san!]

It’s Bikou who is spinning around his nyoui-bou(Ruyi Bang). Next to him a gigantic golem, Gogmagog, is blowing away an army of Grim Reaper with it’s gigantic arms. Then one of its arm turns into a machine gun. I also saw Kuroka's and Le Fay's magic attacks. Arthur is wielding his Holy-King sword and he eliminates hundreds of Grim Reapers. The one who is moving in god-speed and tearing the Grim Reapers is Fenrir. –It’s the Vali team.

They showed themselves in the realm of the dead and started a battle against the Grim Reapers. Yeah, I kinda knew this would happen. There’s no way they will stay quiet after being beaten. If they were to seek revenge then they

would be picking the Hero-faction, Old-Maou faction, or Hades as their prey. They sure came at a good time. I've never contacted them nor made a plan with them, but good job dumbasses. Also the existence of Fenrir who has the fangs that kill Gods would also contribute to this matter. Though I don’t see Vali in there. ……Since it is him, he should be planning something.

<<…….Is this your doing Governor of crows?>>

Hades asks with a very unpleasant voice. Yeah that’s the reaction I wanted to see. I wanted to see that side of you. I couldn’t control myself and I said this to him while putting on a grin.

“Huh, no idea.”

<<…….!!>>

The aura around Hades changed colour to that of anger. Oh oh. You seem to be quite pissed. You will get yourself hurt if you look down on the Vali team who are fully powered, Skeleton-sama. They are a gathering of monsters who have been fending off pursuits from all the factions.

“You wouldn’t be able to take down the members of the Vali team unless you send all of your Grim Reapers. You probably have to stay here and order them around to do so.”

With this, Hades won’t be able to interfere during the Underworld's crisis. He has no time to do nasty things to the Underworld when the Vali-team is rampaging in the realm of the dead, and also when Sirzechs is serious. Sirzechs agrees to my word.

[Yes. That’s why we can only have you remain here.]

Sirzechs lifts one of his fingers up.

[One thing. This is just my personal feeling. That’s why allow me to say it.]

The personification of power of destruction glares at the God of the realm of the dead with sharp eyes. A hostility given by his glares makes your whole body freeze.

[The God of the realm of the dead, Hades. The evil-intentions directed towards my sister Rias and my brother-in-law Hyoudou Issei will require your death. I will have you prepared when we end up fighting. – I will eliminate you from this World and I will not hold back nor hesitate.]

If there is one mistake Hades made, then that was to make this man furious. No, actually there are two mistakes. I also grab a spear of light with my hand.

“Skeleton God-sama. Don’t forget that I’m also pissed. Well it’s also my personal hatred towards you, but let me say it. – Don’t make my students cry…….!”

Even while receiving our hostility directed at him, Hades doesn’t show any sign of changing his presence.

Well with this we've accomplished the case with Hades.

I will leave the rest to you, young Devils, now.

-Also.

Come back already Ise. You will lose all the spotlight you know?

Life.-1 Alliance of Young Devils!

Part 1

We, the Gremory group, have returned from Ajuka Beelzebub's hideout and are in the Gremory castle preparing to head out towards the capital. After a short time, we reunite with Irina-san and Xenovia.

"Sorry. We came late."

Both of them are wearing their usual battle clothes. Xenovia is holding a weapon wrapped in a cloth. The cloth is engraved with magical letters as well as the letters from Heaven. –The weapon inside the cloth must be Ex-Durandal, which has just been repaired.

Irina-san also has a new weapon on her hip. .....I can sense a strong and abnormal aura from it. It is most likely the result of the research the Heavens were conducting that Azazel-sensei mentioned earlier.

"Buchou, how is Ise? I heard most of the details from the people working here. What did the Maou Beelzebub say?"

"Yes, he said Ise isn't in the worst case scenario. –Ophis and Ddraig are with him, so I want to contact him somehow……."

"Yes. Well if it is him, he will return as long as he is alive. Right about now, he is probably yearning for Buchou and Fukubuchou's breasts."

Xenovia also believes in Ise-kun's return. But for him to be yearning for their breasts…… Yes, that seems very likely.

“So what are we going to do now?”

This time Irina-san asks Buchou. Buchou turns on the large screen television. What appears on the screen are the gigantic monsters that are rampaging in each capital of the Underworld. Judging from the amount of time that has passed, it wouldn’t be weird for the monsters to have already arrived at the important locations.

But what appeared on the screens were Devils and alliances from other factions putting up a good fight against the “Bandersnatch”.

The reporter reports about it happily from a helicopter. One of the Bandersnatch is receiving critical damage from the warriors who came from the alliances. Several hours have passed since Ajuka Beelzebub-sama developed the method of taking down the monsters, and the battles are starting to overturn. Anti-monsters that were created to be very hard. Ajuka Beelzebub-sama and his servants created magic-circle technique problems that work on the monsters and they told the people in the alliance who are fighting on the front lines.

“……..Ajuka-sama started creating the techniques when the monsters first appeared while being in contact with Falbium Asmodeus-sama. I heard that he completed making it when we went to visit him in the human world.”

Buchou says that while watching the screen.

From the information I received, Falbium Asmodeus-sama is in charge of the battle strategy. Thanks to the two Maou’s who used their intellects, all of the Bandersnatch are now stalled and receiving damage.

[It is the Gigantic monsters VS Levia-tan!]

When the channel changed, Serafall Leviathan-sama appears on the television. I heard that she couldn’t sit back while the Underworld was in a crisis, so she left the Maou territory to start a fight with one of the Bandersnatch on her own. Very thick ice appears on the screen. It’s the favourite technique of Serafall Leviathan-sama. –The wasteland turned into a World of Ice. Bandersnatch of course isn’t safe from such an attack, and more than half of it’s body is now frozen. ……The demonic-power difference is way too large. A demonic-attack that can affect the land itself….. This is the power of Maou Leviathan……

On the other channel, Tannin-sama and his servant Dragons have just cornered one of the Bandersnatch. They are now receiving the technique that works on them, there aren’t many people who can withstand his fire breath, which is said to be at the same level as that of a Maou.

[Hahaue[5]! Please do your best!]

On another channel, a Kyuubi[6] shoots a flame at a Bandersnatch. –It’s Yasaka-san from Kyoto! The one on her back is the small priestess, Kunou-chan. They are rampaging while leading many youkai in battle. Looks like the Youkai faction from Kyoto came to help out during the crisis of the Devils. Ise-kun will be happy if he learns of this. From the information I received earlier, the Old-Maou factions who are rampaging throughout each city are now being pushed back.

[Ah! Finally! One of the Bandersnatch has been stopped!]

The shout of the reporter can be heard from the screen. The first one to take down a Bandersnatch is…… The alliance army led by Emperor Belial! The humanoid Bandersnatch is lying on the ground defeated. Most of its enormous body is

destroyed and it seems as if it's no longer capable of moving. I can hear the roars of victory across the screen. In this advantageous situation, it seems like all the Bandersnatch will be taken down within half a day. The problem is……

“The remaining problem would be Jabberwocky who is heading towards the capital of the territory of Maou.”

…… I can hear a familiar voice coming from behind me. When I turn around the Valkyrie, Rosseweisse-san, is standing there!

“Rossweisse!”

“I have returned, Rias-san.”

She's come back from Northern Europe!

Then Rossweisse-san says it with a serious expression.

“I heard about Ise-kun earlier. Well, he is the one who has such a large craving for Rias-san and Akeno-san’s breasts, so he should be returning here very soon.”

……She’s saying the same thing as Xenovia, Ise-kun! It's possible that all of the girls in the Gremory group might have that same opinion. Well so do I. Anyway, if Ise-kun and Gasper-kun return then the Gremory group will be back together! I thought that was a wish that wouldn’t come true. But now it’s different. We can definitely have everyone together again! There’s no way that the Gremory group could be separated that easily! We've been through so much bloodshed together and I’m sure that won’t be changing from now on either.

Everyone knows that this group……. The Occult Research Club is gathering once again and they all have confidence in this.

“Everyone! It’s an emergency!”

The one who came here in panic is Ravel-san. She went to bring us tea earlier but she never returned until now….. She then told us with a serious expression.

“……. The Sitri group who were guarding the evacuating civilians has……started a battle against those from the Khaos Brigade!”

That became the signal for the Gremory team to head out.

Part 2

The capital city of the Maou territory in the Underworld (Devil side), Lilith. The area is roughly the same size as the capital city of Japan, Tokyo. In terms of culture, it is no different, and there are very tall buildings and public transport present. It may be a bit different compared to other developed countries, but it is definitely a city. But that city is drawing into a crisis. That's because the irregular gigantic monster, Jabberwocky, is drawing near. If it arrives, the capital will receive a very devastating blow and the capital would become dead. If the capital goes down, there is no doubt that other areas throughout the Underworld would also be affected. Right now the Lucifer group, Grayfia-sama and Sirzechs-sama's other servants, are taking Jabberwocky on. It is the group that is said to be the strongest among all Devils. Right now they are evenly matched, and even though they aren't causing any critical damage to Jabberwocky, they are still succeeding in stalling it.

……Looking at their fight from the news, they are having an even flashier fight than Serafall-sama, and they are stalling Jabberwocky while also changing the area around it.

……It's my first time seeing them from a television, but the demonic-powers released by Grayfia-sama are even more overwhelming than I imagined and they have so much destructive power that they are annihilating the land itself. So this is the true form of the ultimate Queen who is also the wife of Maou Sirzechs Lucifer…… It might be natural for

Buchou to see her as her elder sister who she can respect. But the monster who can’t even be defeated by the Lucifer group led by Grayfia-sama is the Jabberwocky. ……How much hatred does one need to create such a monster…..? But I heard that thanks to the Lucifer group, the evacuation of the city is almost complete. Young Devils such as the Sitri group are being dispatched to confirm whether there is anyone who has been left behind. I also heard that Sairaorg Bael is taking on the Old-Maou faction Devils who are rampaging in the capital. We, the Gremory group, and Irina-san have just arrived in the North-west district of the capital using the big magic circle located in the basement of Gremory castle. We left Ravel-san in the Gremory castle. She was dragged into our battle in the artificial dimension the other day, but she is a guest. We can’t have her getting involved in our battles. We and Ravel-san understand that, although she seemed very upset that she wouldn’t be of use to us and she still accepted our thoughts. We appeared at the tallest building in the district when we arrived from the magic circle. Now, we have to catch up to the Sitri group. Then someone calls out to us.

“E-Everyone! I-I’m glad!”

It’s Gasper-kun!

“People from the Fallen Angel group told me that everyone would come here, but I was lonely because no one was here!”

Gasper-kun has teary eyes. We are finally reunited with him. The only one left is Ise-kun! When he returns, the Gremory group will be resurrected once again!

“Gasper, I’m looking forward to seeing the results of your training!”

Buchou says that to Gasper-kun, but…….his eyes seem dark and the colour of his face isn’t that good.

“……Y-Yes. I will do my best to live up to your expectations……. Umm? Where is Ise-senpai?”

Gasper-kun looks around trying to find Ise-kun. …….Did he not receive the information about Ise-kun?

“Ise-kun is…..”

It happens as I was about to give him the details.

“…..Over there!”

Koneko-chan points in a certain direction. When we look, we see a huge black Dragon wrapped in black flames rampaging. –That’s Saji-kun!

We fly up into the sky after seeing that.

We arrive at the location where we saw Saji-kun in his Dragon-King form. It has lots of tall buildings and we are at the road. This place is surrounded by flames where buildings and roads are destroyed.

……I can see the town that has turned into a sea of fire from up in the air. It’s fortunate that we don’t sense any presences around. There are no cars moving on the roads and there is no one walking either. It seems most of the evacuation here is finished.

“Gremory group!”

I hear a familiar voice and when I turn around, I see the girls from the Sitri group protecting a bus that has lost one of its wheels. –There are many children inside the car.

“How is the situation?”

Buchou asks the “Knight”, Meguri-san, from the Sitri group.

“We encountered the Hero faction while we were travelling on this road….. They began to attack us immediately after they found out we were the Sitri group. The bus received minor damage which stopped it from moving so we could only fight back…… And Kaichou, Fukukaichou, and Gen-chan have…….!”

Meguri-san says it with a voice mixed with a cry. …….What happened to Saji-kun!?

“Look at that!”

Rossweisse-san points to the direction to the right. We then see Saji-kun getting his throat grabbed by the huge man from the Hero faction, Heracles, on a street where there are many shops! Saji-kun’s body is covered in blood and it seems like he is about to lose consciousness. We also see Sona-kaichou who is on the ground and Shinra-fukukaichou who is fighting against Jeanne. Heracles throws Saji-kun away after finding him boring, and then steps on Sona-kaichou's back who is laying on the ground.

“Guu!”

Sona-kaichou screams!

…..To step on a woman who is on the ground….! What an unforgivable action! Heracles laughs loudly.

“What is this? I was expecting more because you won the Rating Game match against the Arch-Duke, Agares. Is this it?”

“Don’t speak nonsense! You just focused your aim on the bus filled with children! Kaichou and Saji couldn’t give their all because they were protecting them! You are the one who made them do that!”

Shinra-fukukaichou says it with anger while crying. Her expression is that of anger and frustration. For Shinra-fukukaichou to show such expressions……. She must be really frustrated. And the reason for that is because Heracles aimed at the bus filled with children….? He attacked Kaichou and Saji-kun with such cowardly attacks…..! I was filled with anger after hearing of such a cowardly act. …….If Ise-kun heard that, he would go and hit Heracles without any moment to spare. …….The only enemies here are Heracles and Jeanne. I don’t see Cao Cao or Georg anywhere. Are they acting separately? Jeanne makes a sigh after pushing back Shinra-fukukaichou with a holy-sword.

“I did tell him that he shouldn’t, you know? Though I didn’t stop Heracles at all!”

Jeanne creates countless holy-swords on the ground in order to destroy Fukukaichou’s footpath! Jeanne attacks Fukukaichou with her sword who then loses her balance! I run to her immediately! I close my distance and block her strike with Gram.

“Can you stop already?”

I say it with a low voice. Jeanne gets astonished when she sees the weapon in my hand.

“……Gram!? Don’t tell me Siegfried is…..!?”

I have Gram and the other swords Siegfried had on my hips inside a sheath. After I defeated him, these demonic swords also accepted me as their new master. I never thought I would become the owner of demonic swords like that. I seriously can't predict what will happen when I am with this group.

“Heh! That guy must be quite pathetic for losing against these guys!”

Heracles just laughs. …….Looks like they don’t have that much passion for their comrades.

“……So the main members of the Hero faction are continuously getting taken down. We might end up being annihilated if we continue to get involved with the Gremory group.”

Another voice. –The one that appears with the mist is Georg, the mist user. …..Continuously getting taken down? Perhaps the boy who possesses the [Annihilation Maker] cannot fight anymore. It seems like he was forced to do a reckless thing back in the artificial dimension by Shalba Beelzebub. Georg then says.

“I’m sorry, Heracles. Jeanne. The black flame of Vritra over there was denser than I thought, so it took a while to dispel it into another dimension. It has been a while since I made a dimension for dispel. –Just like the legend says, it certainly had an ability with a strong curse and grasping. Damn Vritra.”

“Ha! Even though he is still inexperienced, you defeated one of the Dragon-Kings! As to be expected from a Longinus possessor, aye Georg!”

Heracles praises him. I see. So they defeated Saji-kun by Georg taking the control of the battle. I can understand Saji-kun of the Dragon-King being defeated by this Longinus possessor who also specialises in magic. ……On top of that it seems like they attacked the bus filled with children. I have Gram in my right hand and a Holy-demonic sword in left hand, and wielded two swords. The offensive aura goes towards Heracles and Jeanne. Both of them dodge it easily, but I get their guard down! I pick up Shinra-fukukaichou quickly and go to where Sona-Kaichou and Saji-kun are at.

“You are fast!”

A magic circle used for magic appears on Georg’s palm! I won’t let him use it! I made the holy-demonic sword disappear and then I make a command!

“My Knight troops!”

Dragon-Knight troops appear around me. I command them to take Sona-kaichou, Saji-kun, and Shinra-fukukaichou away. Yes! This is good! What’s left now is…..

Georg releases a huge fireball! A fire magic! I hold onto Gram with both my hands and cut the fireball in half! With Gram’s sharpness, this is a piece of cake! I don’t want to admit it, but in every aspects of durability, destructive power and sharpness they are superior to the swords I create. Seeing my action, Georg makes a comment of admiration.

“…..Strong. To save all your comrades while taking on three of us….. So this is the holy-demonic sword user, Kiba Yuuto. You are a bit in the shadow of Sekiryuutei, but Rias Gremory certainly possesses a terrifying Knight.”

“Thank you for your compliment…..Is that what I should be saying? I’m okay with being the shadow. Ise-kun is the hero. I only have to become the sword of Rias Gremory.”

Yes that would be enough for me. The ones who get the spotlight on the stage should be my master, Buchou, and my best friend, Ise-kun. I’m just the sword. Nothing more, nothing less.

“Are you okay!?”

Asia-san starts healing Kaichou and Saji-kun. A green aura is emitted from her, having her in the centre. A healing aura which has a wide range. Because of Asia-san’s personality, it heals both allies and enemies, but since there is quite a distance from the Hero-faction I don’t have to worry about that. Even if they try to attack her, me and my comrades will stop them.

“……A child was holding onto it very preciously…… The doll of Oppai-Dragon…….. If…….I let the children get hurt…… I can never catch up to him ever again……”

Saji-kun, who is barely conscious, says that while getting healed. He is shedding tears of regret.

-Saji-kun! You……endured this much…..only by seeing that……!

“Tsubaki. We will take care of them. Can I leave the evacuation of the children inside the bus to you?”

Buchou says it to Shinra-senpai. Fukukaichou looks at us, the enemies, and the children.

“…….But.”

“Please, Fukukaichou. We will pay them back for what they did to you. We have inherited the feelings of you and Saji-kun.”

I say that. Yes, the thing Saji-kun wanted to protect is the same thing we wanted to protect. We can’t forgive the Hero-faction who attacked them. –We will finish them here.

“……Kiba-kun. Yes, I understand.”

Shinra-fukukaichou replies like that. This is good. With this, the children will be safe. What’s left is for us to defeat them.

“Kiba-kun used the power of good-looking guys on fukukaichou-san! You seriously can’t talk bad about Ise-kun!”

Irina-san is overreacting with joy….. Well I will let it slide for now. Xenovia takes a step forward.

“Now then, lets do it. My Durandal is reforged once again. It won’t be good if I don’t rampage with it.”

Xenovia takes the cloth off her weapon. What appears is Ex-Durandal which looks exactly the same. And it should have been reforged by adding “Excalibur Ruler” on top of it. I don’t see any differences in the shape of it……. Except the aura around it is completely different than before.

-The silent aura of the holy-sword that has been compressed was now enveloping the blade. In reality it is the hybrid of the True-Excalibur, formation of all seven Excalibur, and Durandal. The specs must be overwhelming.

“I also received something good as well!”

Irina-san draws the sword that she has on her hip. –Oh my. I didn’t realise it until she drew the sword out. The sword that Irina-san is carrying is……a holy-demonic sword!

Irina-san smiles when she sees my reaction.

“Yes. This is the mass produced holy-demonic sword produced from the holy-demonic sword Kiba-kun gave the heavens during the time when the alliance was being formed between the three great powers! This is one of the test types! It received quite a lot of customisation so the Angels can wield it. It isn’t as strong and it doesn’t have as much variety as Kiba-kun’s, but it is enough for an Angel to wield!”

So the Heaven's side has been creating such things. Because of the characteristic of the holy-demonic sword resulting from the absence of God, it can only be used away from the Vatican and Heaven. But it certainly is a good support. I feel like a parent who just witnessed the growth of their child. It looks like my holy-demonic sword is being useful to the alliance. Xenovia points her sword at Jeanne.

“I had some debts to repay to Siegfried, but it can’t be helped if Kiba and the others defeated him. –So I will help Irina instead with her payback.”

Irina-san agrees to Xenovia’s aggressive words.

“Yes yes! I’m going to have my payback for Kyoto! You are no good even if you are a person who inherited the soul of a saint!”

Irina-san also copies Xenovia and points her sword at Jeanne. …….I think they make a good team.

“Ara ara. Then can I also join in? –She probably has “that” so it will be better to have more people.”

It seems like Akeno-san will also be taking on Jeanne. Akeno-san must have stepped in because of the concern regarding “Chaos Drive”. We won’t know what enhancement Jeanne would get when she uses it. It’s a good judgement to take her on with several people. Six wings appear from her back after the two bracelets on her wrists glow in gold.

-It’s the Fallen-Angel transformation from before. Akeno-san said she needs the support of the bracelets to transform, but she wants to be able to transform without it in the future. The power sleeping within her must have awoken completely. Jeanne makes a smile full of confidence at the challenge she received from three of them.

“Hee, so three people are going to be fighting me. Also the Onee-san over there seems like she knows about “that”. Interesting! Balance-Break!”

When she says it with a strong voice, a Dragon made from holy-swords appears behind her. It’s the sub-species balance breaker of Jeanne’s [Blade Blacksmith]. It has a dense pressure like before. She’s not an opponent who you can have your guard down against. Even so, Xenovia makes her stance.

“This Ex-Durandal has the ability of all seven Excaliburs. If I master it, I will obtain an even greater power.”

It’s just like she says. It has each of the seven Excaliburs' abilities in it. If she gets used to it, it will have high enough specs to fight against Cao Cao’s Balance-Breaker. That’s what I thought……. But Xenovia then says it up front.

“Unfortunately I’m dumb. Even though I gained more techniques, I won’t be able to use them very well. That’s why I will be using this.”

Xenovia swings the Ex-Durandal. A huge crater is made in the ground along with the violent sound of an explosion.

“-It will be enough with the destructive powers of Excalibur and Durandal.”

Declaration of absolute destructive powers!

…….Xenovia, can you also pay attention to using techniques since you are also a [Knight]…… With the way she uses them, it seems like she could perform better than me. Xenovia makes a displeased face after she realises I am looking at her.

“Muu, Kiba. You thought I was a power idiot just now, didn’t you? But I have to say that the only one who specialises in techniques should be enough with just you. That’s why I will just aim for only destructive powers!”

Please hear me! Can you also pay attention to techniques!? Our group is filled with power-types and we lack technique-types! It’s wrong for the formation of our “party[7]” if I am the only technique-type! This is very serious! The lack of techniques in the Gremory group is very serious indeed! I could only feel uneasy for the future games! …….I should state this seriously to Buchou next time. –That I want her to raise another technique type that is.

“……The man who goes through the most hardship. Kiba Yuuto.”

Thank you Koneko-chan! I will try my best a bit longer then!

“Follow me then! A Devil, an Angel, and a Fallen-Angel! I sure am popular!”

Jeanne says it with joy and goes on top of her Dragon. The Dragon goes up the tall building nearby using its feet after its master lands on top of its back. Xenovia, Irina-san, and Akeno-san spread their wings out and fly after her. A violent clash happens in the air immediately! Those three should have an advantage in their fight against Jeanne. So the only ones left are Heracles and Georg. I then ask Georg.

“Why did you target the bus? Actually why are you in the capital?”

I couldn’t understand the reason for targeting the children. I didn’t think they would just target that bus. And why were they here in this city? Did they come to rob after the people were evacuated from here because of the monsters? That sounds unlikely…..

“I will answer the second question first. –It’s sight seeing. Cao Cao said he wanted to see how far those gigantic monster can go with his own eyes.”

-Georg answered. ……The reason they came here is for sight seeing. Or an escort for Cao Cao who wanted to look around.

……But Cao Cao himself isn’t here…… Was he watching like a VIP from somewhere? He sure is a creepy man like always.

“Then why did you target the bus?”

I ask him once again. Georg just sighs.

“We happened to encounter the bus by luck. Then we saw Saji Gennshirou of the Vritra and Sitri-group riding on the

bus. They also know our faces. So we can’t help it if we get into a fight, right?”

…….So it was just an unfortunate encounter then? But Heracles makes a provocative smile.

“It’s also because I agitated him, you know? We met with that Vritra by chance. It’s lacking to only see the monster invasions. So I said “Fight me if you don’t want the children to get involved”. –So like that, the fight started.”

-! …….You started a fight……with a foolish reason like that…..? Saji-kun accepted to protect the children……! While I was getting filled up with anger…..

“I heard that the hero-faction is a gathering of heroes who are seeking to fight against the abnormals…… But it looks like there was scum among them.”

A man appears in front of us. A gigantic lion covered in golden fur. And the one bringing the lion with him is the man who has absolute power. A pure embodiment of “power” itself. The man who fought me, Xenovia and Rossweisse-san, and the one who forced Ise-kun to awaken the True-Queen with only his martial arts.

“…..Sairaorg!”

Buchou calls out the man’s name. –Yes, it is the entrance of Sairaorg Bael.

Part 3

I can’t remember what date it was, but Azazel-sensei made a certain comment.

“If there is someone out of the young Devils, including Rias’s group, who can fight against Ise head on and is further increasing his power, then there is only one person.”

Sairaorg Bael. The man who almost defeated Ise-kun and caused the awakening to True-Queen. He appears while bringing the huge lion, Regulus. He takes a step forward while having Regulus remain on a spot. He just said one short sentence.

“-I will go.”

Sairaorg Bael takes off his shirt. His body which has been trained magnificently shows up. The pure fighting spirit, Touki, is emitting from his body.

“I just finished taking down the old-Maou faction remnants who were making a ruckus in the capital. Then I saw a black Dragon….. Saji Genshirou in the distance. I only saw him in the video recorded in the game but I realised that it was him immediately. –And that he was fighting something great.”

Sairaorg Bael looks at Heracles. Heracles makes a smile of joy after seeing the fighting spirit of Sairaorg Bael.

“The next heir to the house of Bael huh. I know you. The talentless next heir who was born without the power of

destruction which is the trait of the house of Bael. I hear that you can only fight with your body even though you are a Devil. Hahaha, it's my first time hearing of such an unreasonable Devil!”

Sairaorg Bael doesn’t change his expression even with Heracles’ taunt. A small insult like this means nothing to him compared to the insults he has been receiving for half of the time he spent in his life.

“The one who inherited the soul of the hero Heracles.”

“Yeah, that’s right Bael-san.”

Sairaorg Bael rejects Heracles while approaching him slowly.

“Looks like it was my misunderstanding. Someone as weak as you can’t possibly be a hero.”

Hearing that, Heracles’ face changes. His pride must have showed up after hearing that.

“Hee, I heard you had a hitting contest with Sekiryuutei. What a loser. If it’s a Devil, then it's demonic-powers. You can say that the embodiment of demonic-powers and supernatural phenomenon using demonic-powers is the way of the Devils. So what do we call you and Sekiryuutei then?”

No matter how much Heracles taunts him, Sairaorg Bael’s expression doesn’t change. But Heracles’ taunts still continue.

“I heard you have the Sacred Gear with the Nemean Lion that was defeated by the original Heracles. –It’s ironic that you met me then. You can’t beat me unless you use that you know?”

Sairaorg Bael answers Heracles with one sentence.

“Not using it.”

“Ha?”

“I won’t use the garment of the lion against the likes of you. No matter how I look at you, I can’t think that you are stronger than Sekiryuutei.”

Sairaorg Bael just says that. Heracles laughs loudly after hearing that.

“Hahahaha! There is nothing I can’t blow up with my Sacred Gear! Even if you are covered in Touki, that is! It’s nothing against my Sacred Gear!”

Heracles jumps up!

His hand is covered with a dangerous aura! He grabs onto both of Sairaorg Bael's arms……. And starts an explosive attack! Heracles Sacred Gear's ability allows him to blow up things while attacking at the same time. –But Sairaorg Bael says it simply like this.

“I see. So this is it?”

His expression doesn’t change even as his flesh is ripped and blood begins to flow out. Heracles seems completely angry and the aura in both his hands increases!

“Hehehe, you sure know how to talk. Then how’s this!?”

He then thrusts his fists against the road. Then the road itself explodes and envelops Sairaorg Bael’s whole body!

Smoke, dust and ash completely cover the surroundings! The road where the two of them were standing is completely

destroyed and has turned into rubble. Heracles makes a big laugh on top of the rubble.

“Hahahahahahahahaha! See that!? He died without doing anything! That’s why Devils who can’t use demonic powers are defective! What can you possibly do with only martial arts…..”

Heracles stops his sentence there. His expression changes to one of astonishment. That’s because there is a man standing in the middle of the road as if nothing happened! Sairaorg Bael who only has minor wounds with blood coming out is still wearing the same expression.

“-Is this it?”

Heracles backs down after seeing the touki of Sairaorg Bael which hasn’t even decreased a bit.

“…..Don’t underestimate me you shitty Devil!”

He says that, but he isn’t as confident as before. Sairaorg Bael finally makes his move towards Heracles. While emitting strong pressure, he is closing his distance from Heracles step by step.

“I was expecting a bit more because I heard you carry the soul of the hero Heracles….. Looks like my expectations keep on being betrayed.”

Heracles makes a stance with both his hands, but Sairaorg Bael disappears! He’s quick! He appears right in front of Heracles! He appears in front of his opponent on purpose! I can only be shocked by the way he fights his opponents!

“It’s my turn.”

DON!

A heavy, sharp and accurate fist gets thrusted into Heracles' stomach. That single blow goes past Heracles' body and destroys the building behind him.

"....--!!"

Because of the destructive power he didn't expect, his expression changes to that of confusion and then to that of extreme pain.

"....--!!"

He kneels down on the ground and grabs his stomach with his hands. He spits out blood from his mouth. He must be feeling intense pain which can't be described in words. I know that because I've also received this punch before. There is not a single person who can be unharmed after receiving that punch. It's obvious he received critical damage. The situation changed with just a single punch.....

.....Rossweisse-san's magic couldn't even cause Heracles critical damage, but his punch does that easily. Sairaorg Bael then says it while looking down on Heracles.

"What's wrong? That hit just now was just a normal punch. The Sekiryuutei who you made fun of didn't even flinch for a single moment from that punch you know?"

Hearing that, Heracles makes a creepy laugh. He then stands up with an angry expression.

".....Don't screw around with me.....! You damn mere Devil! You don't have demonic powers! You don't even use Sacred Gear! With just a normal punch...."

Heracles' whole body glows! The light surrounding his body forms the shape of a missile. It's Balance-Breaker! He shot those missiles in Kyoto and made Rossweisse-san have a hard time! A weapon which is everywhere on his body that has intense destructive powers!

"……you won't be able to defeat me!!!"

While making a roar, he shoots the missiles in every direction! We also felt it would be dangerous so we made a stance to evade it. Many missiles hit various places in the city and violently destroyed many buildings, roads and public property! One of the missiles goes towards Sairaorg Bael head on!

"Hmph!"

HIT!

Sairaorg Bael didn't even dodge the missile created from the Sacred Gear, and he just hit it away with a punch! What kind of fist does he have? He just hit the missile away with ease…..! Once again I became shocked by the punching power of this person who is the next heir of the house of Great King. All the missiles directed at him are hit away with his fists. The missiles that are hit away crash into buildings and roads. One of the missiles shot is flying in the direction of where the children are! This is bad! If that hits….

But my worries ended there. That's because Rossweisse-san stood in front of the children! Rossweisse-san blocked the missile completely by having a defence magic-circle in front of her! Her shield which was broken through back in Kyoto is now even more powerful!

"-This is a new defence magic. I am a [Rook], so I thought I should increase my defence which is the trait of a Rook. I

learned many defensive magics in my homeland. By using my trait of defence and my magical attack, I am still able to endure against Balance-Breakers that specialise in destructive power. –Heracles. Your powers won't work against me anymore. I will show you that I can block 10 times the power of that attack just now!"

The reason Rossweisse-san returned to her homeland was because she could increase her trait. She increased her defence by learning powerful defence magic. Rossweisse-san has once again increased her trait as a [Rook]. The Gremory group is getting even more powerful, Ise-kun! While I was getting happy with the power ups of my comrades, I then saw the children.

"Lion-san! Do your best!"

"Lion! Don't lose!"

It was a cheer to Sairaorg Bael who is fighting against Heracles. Sairaorg Bael puts on an astonished face because he didn't expect this. The children must know about Sairaorg Bael through the match against Ise. He then laughs happily.

"Fuhahahahahaha!"

Sairaorg Bael's Touki increases even more.

"Those kids told me to "Do my best" and "Not to lose". This seriously feels good, doesn't it Hyoudou Issei? So this is the power you can receive from the children. –There's not even the slightest chance you can win now, hero Heracles."

"Don't get all happy because of the kids saying stuff to youuuuu! You brainless Great-King!"

A fist gets thrust into the face of Heracles who is yelling. Heracles kneels on the ground while having blood flow out from all the holes in his face.

“…..What is it….with this punch……”

The more he gets hit by the Great-King, the more scared he gets. It’s just a punch. But that punch digs a hole through his body and soul. –It’s so deep that it gets carved deeply into his soul.

“A person who can’t even get cheers from the children shouldn’t call himself a hero…..!”

Sairaorg Bael looks at Heracles with an expression filled with pressure. Heracles puts on a expression of despair as if he realised he can’t win both physically and mentally. But he gets something out from his pocket.

-A pistol type injection and Phoenix tear.

It’s [Chaos Break]! There is a chance that the battle will turn the other way around if he uses that! No, Sairaorg Bael would be able to take him on if he puts on the Balance-Breaker. But the increased destructive power would be able to destroy the entire landscape surrounding this place! And he also has the Phoenix tear! We don’t know how powerful Heracles would get after he recovers and uses the [Chaos Break]!

“D-Damn you!”

Heracles says that while putting the tip of the injection to his neck. But I can see that he is hesitant about it. Sairaorg Bael questions him.

“What’s wrong? Aren’t you going to use it? Judging from it, it strengthens your body right? If you want to use it, then use it. If you become stronger by using that, then I will gladly accept that! I will still surpass you even if you use that!”

Heracles has a frustrated face. There are a few tears in his eyes because of frustration.

“Daaaaaaaaamn ittttttttt!”

He throws the [Chaos Break] and Phoenix tear on the ground while howling with a cry! He then goes towards Sairaorg Bael head on.

……He actually discarded the [Chaos Break]……..! This is an unexpected turn of events! Sairaorg Bael makes a stance for the first time after seeing his opponent.

“Looks like you regained your pride as a hero at the last moment. –Not bad. But…..”

Sairaorg Bael uses his left fist to hit away Heracles’ punch and then covers his right fist with Touki.

“-Go down with this punch!”

He hits him in his stomach! A nice sound of a punch echoes throughout this area. Heracles goes down completely while losing consciousness. I then remembered what Ise-kun said. He said this after the match against Bael.

"Hey Kiba. Sairaorg-san is really a mysterious person. I think it is foolish to hit him face to face and dodging his attacks would be the most appropriate thing. –Even if I think like that in my head, I realise that I am fighting against him head on. That’s the kind of person he is. He makes you want to

have a hitting contest with him. And there is no reason behind that."

Sairaorg Bael’s fist brings back the pride of the scum who fell so low. Sairaorg Bael who just defeated Heracles looks great in my eyes right now.

Part 4

Sairaorg Bael defeated Heracles and Akeno-san and the others are currently taking on Jeanne. So the only enemy left now is Georg. Though we certainly don’t know when Cao Cao will show himself……

I can see intense holy-lighting and sacred aura exploding near the tall buildings. It seems like the battle against Jeanne is still going on. The reason why the girls who have powered up haven't returned yet is probably because Jeanne used [Chaos Break]. Akeno-san and the other two would have been able to defeat Jeanne already if she was in her Balance-Breaker form. The battle is lasting longer than I expected. We have quite the man-power if we also include Sairaorg Bael. Even if Georg uses [Chaos Break], we still have a high chance of winning. Georg smiles after looking at the fallen Heracles.

“Strong. So this is the power of the current young Devils. Sairaorg of the Bael, and the Gremory group lead by Rias Gremory. I met with you guys a few days ago, but I never expected that you guys would have become even stronger….. At this rate, the vampire and nekomata over there probably also have more power than our data says.”

Georg looks at Koneko-chan and Gasper-kun. Well putting Gasper-kun aside, Koneko-chan didn’t get any exceptional power-up since we left the artificial-dimension. Her power-up will begin now. I heard her sister Kuroka, is going to begin teaching her how to use youjutsu and senjutsu. She's willing to be taught by her sister, who she has a stiff relationship

with, so her determination must be very strong. Gasper-kun turns blue after being looked at by Georg.

“…….Gasper. What’s wrong?”

Buchou seems suspicious by the weird tension of her servant. ……Gasper-kun’s expression begins to break down and he eventually starts shedding tears.

……What happened to Gasper-kun?

“……I’m sorry everyone…… I…..I…..! I couldn’t get stronger……even though I went to the Grigori institute!”

-! Everyone gets shocked by Gasper-kun’s confession. He speaks while crying.

“I wanted to get stronger……so I could help everyone! ……I was told that I can’t get any stronger than this by the people at Grigori……”

“……I can’t even protect a girl….. I’m a shame for the boys in the Gremory group……!”

Gasper-kun breaks down crying……. So it was impossible for Gasper-kun to get stronger even at the Grigori? Georg sighs out of boredom in response to Gasper-kun.

“The late[8] Sekiryuutei won’t be happy after seeing his kouhai[9] in a pathetic condition like this.”

Gasper-kun who hears that looks up front, astonished.

“……The late…..Sekiryuutei?”

He looks around. The surroundings and at us. He still doesn’t know the reason why Ise-kun isn’t here.

“…….Where is Ise-senpai….? Isn’t Ise-senpai not here because he went to stop the gigantic monster……?”

“Gasper, Ise is…….”

Buchou tries to tell the truth to Gasper-kun who hasn't been informed yet, but Sairaorg Bael looks at Buchou and shakes his head. Buchou saw that and closed her lips. So they aren’t going to tell the truth on purpose then…..? What are Sairaorg Bael and Buchou trying to do…..! Georg didn’t realise the reaction of the two Kings, and begins talking to Gasper-kun while smirking.

“I see. So you still don’t know about it. Sekiryuutei died fighting against the Old-Maou faction…… No, there is no point in making up excuses now I guess. He died fighting against us the “Chaos Brigade”. Most likely from receiving the poison of Samael who is said to be the ultimate dragon-slayer. Well, we weren’t there to witness it so we don’t have an accurate account, but if Sekiryuutei died then that must be the reason.”

The hero-faction still doesn’t know that Ise-kun’s soul is wandering around the dimensional gap in that state. Normally Dragons would die after receiving the poison of Samael. Koneko-chan, Asia-san, and Rossweisse-san realise that Buchou isn’t telling the truth on purpose. Of course like me, they don’t know the reason why….. No, she probably isn’t…… I begin to understand why she isn’t telling the truth. Is Sairaorg Bael perhaps trying to awaken Gasper-kun’s……

Georg continues talking. The more Gasper-kun listens to him, the more his expression is changing to that of a dead person. ……It's painful to see my kouhai wearing an expression with such despair……

“You don’t have to worry about it. Even that Ophis and Hakuryuukou Vali were defeated by Samael. Even Sekiryuutei won’t be able to survive against that curse.”

Georg chuckles after saying that.

“…..Ise-senpai……died…….?”

A single tear is shed from Gasper-kun’s eye. His whole body begins to shake, and his eyes begin to get shady. His thoughts must be filled with despair after hearing that the senpai whom he admired was killed. He looks down and becomes silent.

Gasper-kun is experiencing the same feelings of despair that we were feeling until earlier today.. A moment of silence. All of us couldn’t endure seeing him in such a state, and it happened as Koneko-chan tried to approach him.

He starts to lift his shivering body up. Little by little, he looks up as well. Gasper-kun has an expression that is not found on a living person…… I realise that I can feel chills running down my back. He opens his mouth and speaks a single word. His voice is low, and it sounds like a curse.

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The moment after he says that, the surroundings are completely covered in darkness. The ground. The sky. The scenery. Everything is being enveloped by darkness. It’s so dark and cold that even the light has disappeared. Darkness is coming out of Gasper-kun’s body, and that is dyeing everything into black.

“…..What is this……!?”

Georg becomes shocked by the sudden change and begins to look around. Darkness. Darkness. Darkness. Darkness……. The buildings that were there before vanished as if they were just a hallucination, and everything except us turns into darkness.

“…..It’s out of control? Or is it a Balance-Breaker……? No, that isn’t it! The power of a vampire…..? But this is…… totally on a different level……!”

Even Rossweisse-san who specialises in magic is shocked at this scene. …… It’s also my first time seeing an occurrence like this as well! It must be different from Balance-Breaker.

…..What is this dimension that is covered in darkness…..!? In the territory that turned into darkness, a weird humanoid appears and approaches Georg. It turns its head in a weird direction and begins shortening its distance with the mist-user by dragging its legs and rotating its shoulders. Its eyes are red. Very red eyes that are glowing very creepily……

<I WILL KILL YOU…….! I WILL KILL ALL OF YOU TILL NONE OF YOU ARE LEFT…….!>

It’s not Gasper-kun’s voice…..! This is a dangerous voice which includes all the emotions of anger, grudge, and cursing! Sairaorg Bael says it with his eyes open wide.

“…..I thought he would change if he got pushed with the death of Sekiryuutei. That’s because Gasper Vladi had the eyes of one with a past humiliation. I thought that through pushing him we could cause the release of his powers that even Grigori failed to unlock. I couldn’t believe that the organisation of that Governor had failed to awaken his powers without doing anything.”

It’s just like what he said. It’s weird that the Grigori who conducts so many experiments was unable to do anything about Gasper-kun. Just like Sairaorg Bael said, he must have been awakening to something but had to return because there wasn’t a catalyst to complete the awakening. Sairaorg Bael then says this to Buchou with serious eyes.

“Rias. The power sleeping within Gasper Vladi was something that surpassed our imagination. This is…… one kind of a monster. …….What kind of thing did you make into your servant….?”

“…..The reason why the noble house of Vampires, the house of Vladi, ignored Gasper was…..not because of [Forbidden Balor View], but because they knew about this power…..? They discarded him from the castle because……they feared him….?”

Buchou says it with a shivering voice. Gasper-kun who turned into a black thing…..put his hand forward. Georg realises it, and activates his magic circle. But his magic circle gets eaten by darkness.

“…..! What is this!? It’s not magic! It’s also not the power of a Sacred Gear! How did you break my magic circle!?”

Georg gets scared by Gasper-kun’s actions, and activates many offensive magic circles after stepping back! Many different spells with different attributes fall down on Gasper-kun! Even a very solidly built person will receive fatal damage if they receive that!

Countless numbers of red eyes appear in the darkness, and they make a mysterious glow. Then all the magic that was shot up in the air freezes. It’s [Forbidden Balor View]……. He stopped the attacks easily with it! And he made the eyes appear in various places….! The magical attacks which were

frozen begin getting devoured by the darkness. The one who is the most shocked about this is Georg. His face begins to change into that of one who is very scared. The dark humanoid thing starts walking once again…… It has the presence and movements of a creature that doesn't exist in the real world, and it moves closer to Georg. Georg then gathers mist into his hand. The Longinus [Dimension Lost]! Is he trying to defeat Gasper-kun with it!? He controls the mist to envelop Gasper-kun! But once again, his mists are devoured by the darkness around him……

<…….DEVOUR……..DE….VOUR……. I HAVE DEVOURED IT…….. YOUR MAGIC AND MIST DON'T WORK…….. I ATE ALL OF IT…….>

……His voice isn't the voice of Gasper-kun we know……. We can think that he has turned into a completely different being……. Even a High-Tier Longinus can't stop Gasper-kun who became an endless darkness. More than that, the mist-user Georg can't even put up a fight against him……! The mutation-piece which was used on Gasper-kun, I think I can understand the reason for it now. He has this much power inside him…..! In terms of potential abilities, he must have been the highest in our group. The match against Bael changed him. And this appeared with the shock of Ise-kun's death…. And that form is in the shape of that darkness.

……Ise-kun. Perhaps the one who has the most potential for growth is Gasper-kun…… This is….. His appearance is on a level which surpasses our thoughts. He's not a Devil or Dragon…… I don't even know if we can classify him as a vampire either.

-Yes, that is a completely different being. Georg releases all the magic attacks and mist abilities he can think of at Gasper-kun. All of them get stopped by the eyes, and then

devoured by the darkness. Even though his attacks were erased, he begins making a magic circle that is used to create barrier dimensions, but it loses shape because it also gets devoured by the darkness. The darkness around Georg moves and starts to mould into the shape of beasts. It looks like wolves, gigantic birds, and even Dragons. But none of them have a proper shape. One-eyed wolves. Five winged birds. Two mouthed Dragons. Spiders with more than ten legs….. All of them look like creatures that have surpassed the existing creatures. These abnormal monsters gather around Georg. Did Gasper-kun create them as well……!

“Ku! My mist…….! My magics aren’t working! What is he!? What on earth is he!?”

Georg’s expression is one of despair. No matter how you look at it, it’s Gasper-kun’s complete victory. No, can we even call this a battle…..? Isn’t he being attacked by an existence that surpasses normal existences? That’s how overwhelming it is.

“…..This is the true power of Gya-kun……”

Koneko-chan who can only stand there and watch is barely able to say that. The change in her friend certainly surpassed many things.

“Ku…… I have to retreat at once!”

Georg gives up on trying to take on Gasper-kun who's powers and abilities have surpassed anyone's thoughts, and he makes a magic circle appear below his feet.

-He’s trying to escape!

But it happened when his body was engulfed by the light of transportation. A black flame appeared from his body!

-This is!

I then look at Saji-kun. He has regained his consciousness, and is glaring at Georg while lifting his upper body up.

“……I won’t let you escape. You guys killed my friend. – There’s no way I will let you off the hook!”

Saji-kun puts his hand forward with a deep voice. The black flame around Georg turns into the shape of an enormous snake, and envelops him. Saji-kun’s Black Dragon-King’s flame. It’s said that it will continue being attached until the opponent’s life has been completely drained. Georg takes out a small bottle, phoenix tear, from his pocket. But the black flame also devours the small bottle.

“…….Vritra’s…….curse……!”

Georg says that. The curse which he thought he had already removed wasn’t completely gone. Then the abnormal monsters made from darkness begin attacking him…….

The very powerful magician, who possesses a High-Tier Longinus is devoured by the darkness in silence.

When the darkness cleared, we had returned to the capital, Lilith, where we had been before. Gasper-kun is lying down. Georg is nowhere to be seen. …….Did he get devoured completely by the darkness?

I walk towards Gasper-kun and look at his face. He is just sleeping peacefully. I can’t even sense the slightest bit of danger from him now….. He must have fainted after using

that power. Buchou holds him in her arms and pats his hair gently.

“……So many things occurred that I now need to question the Vampires. But Vampires hate Devils. I don’t know if the house of Vladi will answer me….. When I asked to speak with them previously, they refused me.”

Vampires. They take heed of classes even more than the Devils, and they classify between pure Vampires and ones below them completely. To make it simpler, there are basically no Vampires who take care of their comrades like the Gremory. They also don’t give an opportunity to the former humans like the current government of the Devils does. Absolute pure blood. Aristocratic society. The clan of the immortals. The rulers of the night. There are many strong people among them. Especially the day walkers who can move during the day, there are a very limited number of ways to defeat them, and the Devils can’t take them on easily.

“I heard an interesting story when I returned to Valhalla. – That a certain noble vampire house captured a Longinus possessor and that battles between Vampires began.”

Rossweisse-san says that. …..So something like that is happening……? Many things are happening while the Underworld is in danger.

“…..That is true, but you should also be careful with magicians from now on.”

Sona-kaichou who woke up says that.

“What do you mean?”

Buchou asks. Sona-kaichou continues after fixing the position of her glasses.

“…..The magicians’ principle of strength and talents. Among them Georg, who you just defeated, is a top-class magician. So it won’t be weird for the magicians’ council to take an interest in your group for defeating him. Your group is already famous for being strong to begin with. –The magicians….. The ones who use summoning spells, make a name for themselves by making contracts with Devils with power. Especially young Devils who have bright futures will be summoned for negotiations. Famous Devils already have a contract with someone or have high prices if they were to make contracts. So there are magicians who make contracts with young Devils that haven't been touched yet. –In the near future, they will definitely come and contact you.”

Magicians. They are also a troublesome existence in their own ways. Though the relations between Devils and magicians have existed since ancient times. …….So we will be seen as a contract target by them…….?

Then I felt it. I felt a presence behind me!

“Ara ara. Looks like Heracles was defeated. And also Georg…..? This is bad.”

The one who appeared is Jeanne! She has wounds everywhere, and she looks very tired. She’s holding something…..? When I looked carefully, she’s holding onto a small boy!

“Hold on! Jeanne!”

“That isn’t fair! To hold a child as a hostage!”

“…….She certainly fooled us. I never would have thought there was a parent and child who hadn’t evacuated yet.”

Judging from it, Akeno-san and the others were at an advantage…… But Jeanne escaped by taking the boy hostage? We confront Jeanne. She points the blade of the Holy-sword to the boy’s neck. …..It’s not something which I, a Devil, can say. But that’s a cowardly act.

“Such a coward.”

Sairaorg Bael said what I was also thinking. Jeanne then laughs because she finds it funny.

“It’s not something that Devils can say right? Though it sounds like someone such as yourself who has strong principles, the Shishiou[10] of the House of Bael. –Anyway I will have myself call Cao Cao. You guys are too strong for me to just run away. So this boy will be my hostage until Cao Cao comes. OK?”

Jeanne says that. …..It will certainly be hard if Cao Cao comes here. It feels likely with Sairaorg Bael here….. But we still don’t know if we can defeat that man with the holy-spear.

“Ara. You seem more quiet than I thought boy. Can’t say anything because you are too scared?”

Jeanne says that after looking at the boy who she has hostage. Just like she said, the boy seems like he isn’t scared. The boy then says it with a smile.

“Nope. I’m not scared at all. Because Oppai Dragon will be coming very soon.”

…. His words didn’t have any fear in them and he seems very relieved.

“Fufufu. Too bad, boy. Oppai Dragon died. This big sister's friend defeated him. That’s why Oppai Dragon can’t come here anymore.”

Jeanne says that, but the boy hasn’t lost his smile. …….Why? How can you still smile like that even in this situation…..?

“It’s okay. I made a promise in my dream. When I was sleeping because I was scared of the big monster, he appeared in my dream.”

…..Dream? He saw a dream about Ise-kun? The boy said happily and energetically.

“He said he will come here soon so I shouldn’t cry. He said he will definitely return when we make a magic chant!”

He then uses his index finger to draw a circle in the air.

“I have to draw a circle like this, and press the middle like this! Zoom zoom iyaan! He said he will definitely return when I do this! Everyone else saw the same dream as well! Ferrer-kun and Tullas-chan also saw the same dream as me! The children in the other class also saw the same dream! Everyone saw the same dream!”

Everyone saw the same dream? All the children saw the same dream? Dream about Ise-kun? I was in doubt, and the boy looks up the sky and sang. –The song is a song made for him and the children who love him.

“THERE IS AN OPPAI LOVING DRAGON LIVING IN THE EDGE OF A CERTAIN COUNTRY.”

Then it happened. A sound was heard from the sky of the capital. When I looked up, a dimensional crack was seen in the sky. Then “that” appeared from the crack. I felt that aura of his that I dearly missed.

This is certainly…… the return of the children’s hero.

Life 0

[A dream?]

I, Hyoudou Issei, nodded at Ddraig's question.

"Yeah. I saw a weird dream when I was sleeping. Many children were crying. When I asked them why, they told me they were crying because they were scared of the big monsters. That's why I told the children. That I would appear when they draw a circle and press the middle by saying [Zoom Zoom Iyaaan]."

Ddraig sighs after hearing me.

[…..For you to do such a posture when you hated it when other people did them……]

"I couldn't help it! I thought an act like that was needed to cheer up the children! ……And when I did that, the nervousness disappeared from the children's faces. Oppai sure are amazing."

Ddraig makes an even deeper sigh. Well I'm talking about what happened in my dream, so don't let it get to you!

[…….Haa. You are right. –So how is your new body?]

-Ddraig asks me. I just had my soul transferred to my new body that was taken out of the cocoon. ……It felt weird seeing my body in front of me, but I again realised that it is my body after I got my soul transferred into it. There isn't

the slightest change in my new body from my previous one. My sense of touch is working when I make a grip.

“Hell yeah! With this I can grope Rias and Akeno-san’s oppai!”

I began doing image training by moving my fingers! Aaah, the rich oppai of Rias, and the elastic oppai of Akeno-san which sticks onto my hands….. Remembering about them can easily refill my stomach ten times!

Yes, my body is working. I have my armour on as well. So what kind of change is there compared to my previous body then?

[Appearance, shape, and certain parts are the same as that of a human. You can continue your life normally like before. But since the evil-pieces are missing from your body, you can say that you are a humanoid Dragon. Even though there was help from Ophis, you received your flesh from Great Red. You can say that you are a small True-Dragon.]

So in other words I am like Great Red’s child.

[On top of that Uroboros’ power is added into it. Even in this state, your basic physical abilities have improved a bit from before. ……Well you were originally crap to begin with, so it only improved that much……]

I’m sorry for originally being crap! I was just an ordinary high school boy!

[The merit of it is improvement of your physical abilities which I just stated, and I can’t predict what kind of growth you will be going through after having the power of True-Dragon and Dragon-God added to you. Also it is okay for you to move away from Great Red now.]

Wasn’t my power already hard to predict anyway? Because of breast-power and stuff.

[Well that is true…… The demerit is like I said before, you lost many abilities because you no longer have the evil-pieces within you that were the source of your abilities. Also the danger of dragon-slayers has greatly increased since you have gained the powers of Great-Red and Ophis.]

…..Those two demerits are certainly bad. Well, for the evil-pieces I can ask Rias for them again, but it's also very frightening to learn that the damage I'll receive from dragon-slayers has increased as well.

…..It really is hard to describe that pain in words….. If possible, I would desire never to feel such a pain ever again. Now what should we do from here then? Even if I stay, the only thing here are the golems that have already stopped functioning, Gogmagog, that are floating throughout the dimensional gap…… Those golems were actually floating in the dimensional gap. Then it happened as I was thinking of a way to return to everyone, I heard a familiar melody.

What…….? Isn’t this……?

[….Look, Partner.]

I looked up after Ddraig urged me. On the sky, “it” was reflected.

-The smiles of the children in the Underworld begin appearing throughout the sky. The children draw a circle and press the middle. They then sing that song very loudly and energetically.

THERE IS AN OPPAI LOVING DRAGON LIVING IN THE

EDGE OF A CERTAIN COUNTRY

THE DRAGON GOES FOR A WALK WHEN THE WEATHER IS GOOD

DRAGON DRAGON OPPAI-DRAGON

GROPE-GROPE SUCK-SUCK PAFU-PAFU

THERE ARE SO MANY TYPES OF OPPAI

BUT HE LIKES THE BIG ONES THE BEST

THE OPPAI-DRAGON ALSO FLIES TODAY

IN AN EDGE OF A CERTAIN TOWN, THE OPPAI-DRAGON WAS LAUGHING

EVEN IN A STORMY DAY, THE OPPAI-DRAGON BECOMES HAPPY BY PRESSING OPPAI

DRAGON DRAGON OPPAI-DRAGON

CLICK-CLICK ZOOM-ZOOM IYAAAN

HE HAS SEEN LOTS OF OPPAI, BUT HE LIKES BIG ONES THE BEST

OPPAI-DRAGON ALSO PUSHES TODAY

[Great-Red is saying that he is reflecting the feelings of all the children in the Underworld here.]

….All of….. Are you serious? So this song is from the children who are calling out to me…..! I’m so happy that my chest is

full. Everyone is calling out to me….!

[Great-Red represents dreams….. The dream one has. The dream one saw. The dream one imagined. He is showing it to us. Maybe your strong wish to return home has made Great-Red appear by responding to your dream.]

Ddraig says that.

…..The one who represents dreams. So Great-Red appeared by responding to my wish, and maybe Great-Red is showing this to us.

“Yeah. But this is real. The children are singing for me…..! And it even reached here…..! It has reached me…..!”

I couldn’t keep my tears from falling down when I saw the smiles of the children and heard their song.

[….Weird. The song I detested so much…. Now it feels strong to me. ……Kukuku. Looks like I’m seriously breaking down now……]

“Let it be Ddraig. This song is something which is very warm. That’s right. I am an Oppai-Dragon that lives in an edge of a certain country, and flies to look for oppai both in shiny and rainy days while laughing…..! That’s because I love oppai! I have to return to everyone’s side!”

[Yeah, let’s go back Partner. –Can I ask you to do that Great-Red? Can you return this man to those children’s places?]

Ddraig asks the “Sekiryuu-shintei”. Great-Red makes a single loud howl. Then the space in front of us bends, and a crack is made.[11]

-From there I can see a very large town. …..I can sense a familiar aura from there. Judging from the colour of the sky, that must be the Underworld. Yeah, it’s an aura which makes my heart feel at peace. My pal’s aura. My important comrades’ aura. And the aura of the woman I love….. I then said it to Ophis next to me.

“Ophis, I’m going. To the place where I can return…”

“I see. That…. Makes me a bit jealous.”

Ophis seems lonely. ……You don’t need to feel lonely anymore right? I then gave my hand to Ophis.

“-You are coming with me.”

Ophis opens her eyes wide and seems astonished. I said it with a smile.

“You are friends with me, right? Then come. –Let’s go together.”

This moment, the Dragon which is said to be the strongest smiles.

“Ddraig and I are friends. I will go together with you.”

Ophis and I took each other’s hand. Yes, this is good. This is okay.

Let’s go home, shall we? To the place we can return to…..

I, together with Ophis and Great-Red, went through the crack created within the dimensional gap…….

Life.1 Crimson Promise

Part 1

I went out of the dimensional gap along with Great-Red! And I was shocked at what appeared in front of my eyes!

-There is a gigantic monster in front of me!

It’s a humanoid-type, but it seems like a chimera monster because it is a mix of body parts from Dragons, lions, and more! And it is even bigger than Great-Red who I am currently riding on! Ah! I realised it immediately! That is the anti-monster which was born from the [Annihilation Maker] in the dimensional gap! That’s the monster that bastard Shalba created using a forbidden technique!

….When I look afar, I can see the town. I see. So this monster is heading there. The curse Shalba put inside the monsters is to make them destroy the cities of the Underworld! More like everything around it is destroyed. Countless numbers of craters are formed on the ground, and everything around it such as buildings, forests, and mountains are destroyed. This isn’t the only monster created back in the artificial dimension…… If this thing is the only one here, then that means the other ones are either already defeated or are currently destroying other towns…… I can only feel uneasy about this…..! What a bastard! That bastard Shalba sure is a good-for-nothing true Maou! I was right in beating him!

So what should I do about that monster then….. I then saw Grayfia-san while I was sitting on Great-Red! Arara, Grayfia-san!

……Is she fighting that monster along with the other people who have insane auras…..? Don’t tell me those are Sirzech-sama’s servants, the Lucifer-group….. If that’s the case then it makes sense. I can feel an overwhelming atmosphere and aura from them! Is the person wearing something which looks like Shinsengumi’s haori [12] Sirzech-sama’s [Knight]? Ah, Enku-san the Kirin is there as well.

[They are all experienced guys…. They all have abnormal powers.]

Ddraig says that. Yeah. Don’t tell me even those people are having a hard time against the monster? No matter how I look at it, the monster doesn’t have any remarkable damage. Though it doesn’t seem like they are having a hard time either.

Putting that aside, the monster has noticed us. All six of its eyes are directed at us, and it has begun showing hostility towards us! It’s natural that this happened because Great-Red is also big!

[…….What did you say? Are you seriously saying that?]

Huh? Ddraig is speaking to someone? Did something happen?

[…..Yeah, Great-Red said “I don’t like that monster because it glared at me”……]

I-I see. So it gained the wrath of Sekiryuushinntei-sama. It sure did glare at us. I never thought Great-Red cared about stuff like this…… He sounds like a delinquent high schooler. Is the reason why it likes to swim in the dimensional gap similar to the way Yankee’s love to rampage on their bikes? ……Is it really a peaceful Dragon?

[Anyway, Partner. Great-Red is saying it will lend its powers, so let's defeat that monster.]

Ddraig says something outrageous! Defeat it!? Something that big!? And I’m included in it!? B-But how? If the Lucifer-group which includes Grayfia-san can’t defeat it, then it would also be impossible for me even if I’m in the True-Queen form you know?

Sensei once made a comment that my power is comparable to High-class Devils and higher. My True-Queen form is equal to Sairaorg-san in his Balance-Breaker form. The truth is, I think I can even put up a good fight against Ultimate-class Devils. But if the people from the Lucifer group who are considered the strongest among Devils can’t beat that monster, then it would be impossible for me as well! I have a bad feeling about this impossible request. Then Ophis says it.

“It is okay. Ddraig and Great-Red should “combine”. Ddraig’s current body, it is kind of the same as the True-Dragon. You can combine.”

Ddraig….. Is she talking about me? I can’t tell who she is referring to at times. –Wait combine!? Me and Great-Red……..combiiiiiiiiiine!? What do you mean!? Are you telling me I can combine with him because my current body is a part of him? Something crazy like that can’t possibly…… I couldn’t tell whether Ophis is being serious or just joking…… Then Great-Red’s body started to emit a very bright red aura! ……..It’s an amazing amount of light…..! The red aura dyes the whole place red! Then my body began to get covered by that light as well.

……..Hm? When I opened my eyes…. What appears right in front of me is a monster! Uwaa! After being enveloped by the red light…….how come it makes a monster appear right in front of me!? Wait……Huh? I became doubtful after I looked at the monster in front of me…….It’s a monster which I have seen before. But that monster should have been much bigger……. The monster in front of me is identical to the gigantic monster which glared at Great-Red. It has six-eyes, and it looks like a chimera.

[Did you regain consciousness, Partner?]

I heard Ddraig’s voice. Yeah, I have. But why is there a monster that is identical to the gigantic monster from before in fornt of me? Judging from the looks of it, is it the same size as me…….? No. That monster is two heads taller than me.

[Of course it is. –That’s because you became bigger.]

-! I was astonished for a moment and became speechless at Ddraig’s words!

Eh! Eh? Eeeh!?

I look down at my feet. There are countless buildings which look like miniature buildings. There are forests and rivers. It looks like a diorama set…… I look at my whole body! It’s Boosted Gear Scale-mail! There’s no doubt about it! When I turned around, there is the town from before. …….Eh? T-Then I really am……

[I’m actually a giaaaaaaaaaaaaaant!?]

My words echo throughout the area! Of course! What is this!? Am I really in a Gigantic Balance Breaker state!? Ah, there’s Grayfia-san and others! They are looking at me! They

really are small! At one glance, Grayfia-san only looks like a figure! Did I really turn big!?

[Yeah, that’s right. So you finally understand it. Great-Red said that he will lend his power to you right? This is what it means. Great-Red made you into its size. Just like Ophis said, by combining. And thus you became super gigantic.]

Super Gigantic……combination……..! Shit! What did I combine with a gigantic Dragon for!? If I had to combine I wanted to combine with Rias and Akeno-san!

GOAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!

The monster in front of me made a roar and started heading towards my direction! It came charging forward while destroying its surroundings with the quakes it makes! Damn it! What should I do!? Answer me, Ddraig!

[It is the same method. You can move your body like you usually do. It seems like Great-Red allowed us to be in control of it. Just think that your body became bigger.]

I see, that really is easy to understand! Now we can get right into business! I gave a right straight punch to the monster coming at me! My punch nailed right into its face while making a sharp sound! The monster trembles with that punch. I thought it caused it a lot of damage because it moved its face……but instead it gathered dangerous fire around its mouth covered in sharp teeth! –Is it trying to breathe fire!?

[Partner. If that fire goes back past us to the city, there will be casualties. Isn’t evading it a bad idea?]

I know that Ddraig! Then if I can’t dodge it, then I will….

I put my right hand forward and made a stance to do dragon-shot.

…..Perfect timing. I will show my technique which I have improved!

GOBAAAAAAAAAAAAAAN!

A huge number of fire-balls are breathed out from it! I can’t predict how many casualties will be caused if that hits the city! There are kids in the city! So there’s no way I can dodge it!

[Goooooooooo!]

[Boost! Boost! Boost! Boost! Boost! Boost! Boost! Boost! Boost! Boost! Boost! Boost! Boost! Boost!]

I released my demonic-power which I have increased to the utmost level towards the fireball! I then made a command just before the dragon-shot and the fire-ball were about to collide!

[Beeeeeeeeend!]

The dragon-shot responded to my command and curved like a baseball. Fork ball! –Here it is!

[This time go up!]

I put my right-hand upwards! The dragon-shot, which did a fork-turn, now goes upwards! I’m imagining Sirzechs-sama’s techniques! I have been practicing in secret after seeing that! To control the dragon-shot which I have shot out that is!

-I made the dragon-shot go below the fire-ball, then make it go up so I can push it up!

BANG!

While making a loud collision, my dragon-shot lifted the fireball up into the sky. The two enormous powers cut through the sky. Very high up in the sky, both of them exploded. Because of the intense amount of power, the whole sky was covered in the explosion. Due to the dragon-shot and fireball taking each other out, it creates a strong wind.

…..If it shot out the fireball at the city, then it would have caused a disaster! The whole city would have been in flames! The monster roared once more and began charging at me again. But it's not something I should fear. I have received a more dangerous and fearsome charge than that! It’s nothing compared to the attack of that Shishiou[13]!

[Oryaaaaa!]

I punched the face of the monster again. I then push it forward! After the punch, I did a spin kick to the side of its head! I still haven’t finished yet!

-Then its eyes glowed in a mysterious light!

[It’s trying to release light from its eyes!]

Ddraig shouts. So it’s a beam huh! I twitched my body and dodged the light! I’m a Devil so light is my weakness…. Wait, right now it’s a bit confusing, whether I’m a Devil or not. Either way, since it seems dangerous I’m dodging it! The six rays from its eyes went past me and hit directly behind me. Then.

DOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOON!

Along with a loud explosion, the ground vibrates violently. When I looked, there is a chasm till the end of the ground, and so much fire is coming out of it! …..You must be joking! The attack is so deadly that it altered the area itself! The Underworld will be annihilated if he keeps on using that!

[……Partner. I have good news from Great-Red.]

What is it! Tell me quickly!

[There is a finishing move. He’s saying you will definitely win if you use it.]

Alright! I wanted to hear that!

[But the problem is that this whole area will be destroyed if you use it here. He’s saying that the destructive power is insane.]

Are you serious!? ……If Sekiryuushintei-sama says that, then it must be true. If I have to use it, I should throw the monster up and then use it right?

[Yeah, that’s the only way.]

…….Yeah. So how should I do that? That would be the problem. While I was thinking of a plan, I made a conclusion after seeing someone. It's possible if it is that person! I then speak to Grayfia-san.

[Grayfia-san! Can you hear me? It is me, Ise!]

Grayfia-san who heard me, then flies towards me.

“Ise-san…….? Then the gigantic Sekiryuutei is you. I’m glad you are safe.”

[Y-Yes! Thank you very much!]

“But what is this gigantic form?”

Grayfia-san and the others look at me suspiciously…… But there’s no time to explain it!

[Grayfia-san, I will explain about this form afterwards. There’s something I would like you to do. –There is a way to defeat that monster. Please cooperate with me!]

Grayfia-san made the face of warrior after hearing me. …… You look smart and beautiful, Rias’s Oneesama!

“Let me hear it. What should I….No. What should we do?”

[Yes. Are you able to make that monster go up into the air? If you can do that, I can release a special attack!]

Grayfia-san smiles at my request which isn’t even a proper plan.

“I see. It’s a plan that is very easy to understand. More than that, your “special” attack sounds very heartening. –Let's do it. If I can’t do that, then how can I call myself the “Queen” of the Lucifer group!”

Grayfia-san flies up after agreeing to my plan! The amount and richness of the aura is something which is beyond ours! The air is shaking and it feels like the temperature dropped! Grayfia-san then gives commands to her comrades.

“Souji-san! Please cut off Jabberwocky’s leg!”

Grayfia-san gives the command to the samurai wearing a Shinsengumi’s haori.

“Roger that, Grayfia-dono.”

The samurai shortened his distance from the monster. –He's fast. Isn't he…….faster than Kiba? The samurai called Souji puts his hand on the katana located on his hip. There was a moment of silence. By the time I realised it, the monster's right leg had been cut off from its knee. …..I couldn't even see him draw his sword. ……But his movements are similar to the guy I know. –Is he Kiba's master?

While I was thinking that, Grayfia-san and her other servants fly towards the monster. A magic-circle is created below the monster which is falling down.

….The leg which has been cut off is already regenerating! Disgusting tentacles are coming out of its wound and are trying to join with the foot that was cut off. And with such a high speed that is! This monster will stand up again if we don't do something about it! While it was happening, it seems like the technique has been completed and the gigantic magic circle beneath the monster glows!

"We will take it up now Ise-san!"

Grayfia-san shouts! Then the monster gets pushed up by the impact from the magic-circle! Yeah! That guy is being blasted up into the sky! Now Ddraig, prepare for that special attack!

[Ou! Leave it to me!]

Ddraig responds to me immediately, and the chest-part of the Boosted-Gear Scale-mail slides open. Then a cannon appears. This is….

[…..Longinus Smasher. It's a taboo power which you are not supposed to attain.]

Ddraig says that with a low voice. ……Longinus Smasher. I think one of my comrades said I used it when I went into Juggernaut-Drive. They said I blasted off Shalba in one hit with it.

Well who cares! If it can beat that monster, then I will just blast it!

DUUUUUUUUUN!

A silent vibration. An unbelievable amount of aura is gathering at the cannon on my chest. ……Amazing, the amount of aura gathered isn't that of Crimson-Blaster! Is this the power of Great-Red!?

The monster high up in the air has just finished regenerating its leg…… It seems the charge finished just in time! The monster which has been sent high in the air looked at me, and it gets ready to blast light and fire from its eyes and mouth. But……

I'm faster! My target is that monster! I won't miss it!

[LONGINUS SMASHEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEER!]

ZUDOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOON!

Along with my shout, a thick red aura is blasted from my chest! The monster was about to blast its light and fire, but Great-Red's aura envelops it along with its body. The absolute power which dyed the whole sky in red.

……. The aura blasted from my chest stops. When I check the sky……the monster has been blasted away without a trace. …….Amazing. So this is the power of Sekiryuushintei. I have only been saying the word "amazing" the whole time. But this is amazing!

PAAAAAAA……..

Then my body glowed red. ……..When I realised it, my height has changed. When I looked around, the size of the surroundings have returned back to normal. I can see the buildings and trees in their previous sizes! Then that means….. I reconfirm my own size! Ah, it's back to normal! My body has returned to its original size. When I look up in the sky, I see the gigantic red Dragon, Great-Red. Great-Red is looking at me. …….More like it is looking at Ddraig. When Great-Red's eyes glowed, a bend is made in the sky. ……Is it trying to make a hole to the dimensional gap? The bend expanded, and became large enough for Great-Red to go through. I saw the sky of the dimensional gap through the hole. Great-Red opens its mouth after looking at me once again. I then hear Great-Red's voice for the first time.

<Zoom Zoom Iyaaan.>

~!

……..T-That's impossible……! Does Great-Red also have to say that!? Seriously, please forgive me! Ah! It goes home back to the dimensional gap after saying that! Horrible!

<Zoom Zoom Iyaaan. Zoom Zoom Iyaaan.>

Great-Red is still saying it even after it has gone through the hole! Repeatedly that is! Then Great-Red disappears into the hole while saying "Zoom Zoom Iyaaan"!

It went home like that! What the fuck is that!?

[I didn't hear it. Boku[14] didn't hear anything –moun.]

What do you mean "moun"!? Why did you say boku!? The more Ddraig's speaking manners change, the more he is

running away from reality!

“Zoom Zoom Iyaaan.”

Ophis who suddenly appeared next to me also says that!

“What the hell! Why do legendary Dragons and those who get involved with them love thiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiis!?”

I defeated the gigantic monster by combining with Great-Red…… But I can only scream at the horrible way I had my farewell with the Sekiryuushintei.

Part 2

“Comfortable.”

I changed into my Balance-Breaker and I'm currently flying in the sky. The one who is on my back is Ophis. She seems to be very comfortable riding on my back. After I defeated the gigantic monster, I left the remainder of the situation back there to Grayfia-san and began heading to the city. I sensed the presence of Rias and the others while I was riding on Great-Red. They should be there if I’m not mistaken. ……..Wait, there are columns of smoke rising from various parts of the city! From the sky I can see many buildings and roads that have been destroyed. It seems like everyone was evacuated because I don’t sense the presence of any people. An evacuation order must have been issued in response to the huge monster that was heading here. But there really aren’t any people here. T-Then why are the buildings and roads destroyed? The monster shouldn’t have reached the city thanks to Grayfia-san and the others.

[Maybe the remaining remnants of the Old-Maou faction are causing destruction during this crisis? Or maybe it’s the Hero-faction.]

I see. He must be right. That must be it. It’s the organisation that Shalba Beelzebub belonged to. I'm sure they must have caused this during the current ruckus.

“…..To the West.”

Ophis who is on my back says that.

“West?”

Ophis then answers me.

“Over there. The ones called Asia and Irina are over there.”

Are you serious! Did she remember the presence of Asia and Irina? Well, who cares. Ophis-sama sure is convenient! I spread my Dragon wings and head towards the direction Ophis gave me.

After a few minutes of flying, I began to sense familiar auras. Aaah, there’s no mistake about it! It must be it! I have only been away from them for a very short time, but it feels very nostalgic. At the location where there are many columns of smoke rising from, I confirmed the presence of several shadows. There they are!

Rias! Asia! Akeno-san! Koneko-chan! Kiba! Xenovia! Irina! Rossweisse-san! Saji and Sona-kaichou! Gya-suke……is he unconscious? Ah, Sairaorg-san and that Lion are there as well! I dropped down in the middle of them after confirming it was them! Everyone also looked at me who is flying towards them! I have finally arrived!

“Hyoudou Issei! I have just returned!”

I said it out loud to everyone! I returned everyone!

……..Huh? That’s weird. Don’t I receive anything such as “We are glad you are back” or “We were waiting for you”?

I look around. Everyone seems dazzled. …….H-Hmmmmm. Everyone looks as if they are being pinched by a fox…… Ah, Jeanne is here as well. Hero-faction! Heracles is also on the ground! Was everyone fighting the Hero-faction? I don’t see

Cao Cao anywhere though….. Jeanne is also looking at me with shock.

[Maybe they don’t recognise it is you?]

-Ddraig says that…… Are you serious? Do things like that really happen? ……T-then I will say something which I would usually say.

I open the mask of my helmet, and showed my face. Then I said it with a smile.

“Umm, Oppai! I have returned while riding on Great-Red!”

The moment I said that.

“Ise!”

“Ise-san!”

“Ise-kun!”

“Ise-kun!”

“Ise-senpai!”

“Ise!”

“Ise-kun!”

“Is that you Ise-kun!?”

“Hyoudou-kun!”

“You were alive Hyoudou!?”

Rias, Asia, Akeno-san, Kiba, Koneko-chan, Xenovia, Irina, Rossweisse-san, Sona-kaichou, and Saji call out my name.

Hey hey hey hey! Do I really need to confirm myself by saying oppai!? My existence sure is a horrible thing like always! I was in shock after reconfirming my existence. Then Asia, Koneko-chan, and Akeno-san came running towards me. They then clung onto me while hugging me.

“Ise-san! Ise-san Ise-san Ise-san Ise-san!”

“Senpai…… Welcome home.”

“…..Please. Don’t leave me again….. I don’t want to live in a World without you ever again……”

Arara, everyone is crying so much.

“Yes, I’m not crying. I knew that the man I have chosen won’t die.”

“As if! You are crying! I’m going to cry without holding back! Ueeeeeeeen!”

Xenovia and Irina seem like they are crying too. Thank you for worrying about me!

“You were safe just like I thought. To be expected from you. Do you also have your body underneath the armour?”

Rossweisse-san is both happy and shocked at my return.

“Well, yes. Many things happened in the dimensional gap and my body is back to normal.”

Aaah, I see. I understood with Rossweisse-san’s comment. I was thought to be dead. That’s natural. It’s the truth that my body was destroyed as a result of receiving Samael’s curse. And only the evil-pieces returned to everyone’s side. ……

Even so, I returned alive. Rias walks to me while crying. She puts her hand on my cheek and then says it.

“……I’m glad you are back.”

I can feel her warmth from her hand. Aaah, this is it. This is the warmth of the woman I fell in love with. …….I’m glad my body has returned. Not touching the body of a woman is absolutely a no no! More than that, Rias’s oppai have returned to their normal size! I was worried because they shrank as a result of the bust-power that is able to heal my aura. I’m so glad! I really feel relieved!

“Of course. The place where I belong is next to you and my comrades.”

SPANK!

There was someone who hits me from behind. When I turned around, it was Saji. He’s crying a lot!

“Uwaaaaaan! You idioooooooot! I! I heard you died so I……!”

Aaaah, he even has a dripping nose. I just felt like patting Saji’s head. I’m sorry. I am alive.

“I thought it might be you when a Dragon that seemed like Great-Red appeared in the sky….. You sure are something.”

Sairaorg-san smiles at me by putting his hand up.

“Ah!”

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Someone’s voice. When I looked, Jeanne had a defenceless face on.

“I’m sorry. You were really defenceless when Ise-kun showed up, so I had myself rescue the boy.”

Kiba was carrying a child far away from here. Did something happen? Did Jeanne take that child as a hostage? Uwa! I didn’t realise it! My eyes then met with Kiba’s who had just saved the child.

“…..Welcome back, Ise-kun. Thanks to you, I was able to save this child. To be expected from a Hero. I’m glad you haven’t changed. Though I never expected you would come back with Great-Red.”

Man, he still has the refreshing smile of a good-looking guy. But I’m relieved. If you were like that while I was gone, then the Gremory team must have been active while I was away. Jeanne then glares hard at me.

“…..I never thought you would return alive from your fight with Shalba. You are truly terrifying Sekiryuutei.”

“Well, thank you. –So what now? Are you going to take us on?”

When I provoked her like that, Jeanne takes out something which looks like a pistol and a small bottle. –Is she trying to start a shooting battle? No, there is a needle on the tip of the pistol! Is it an injection? The other small bottle must be Phoenix’s tear! Is she trying to heal herself!?

“Ise-kun, be careful! That can power up the Sacred Gears ability by several levels!”

Kiba gave me an explanation like that. I see. So it's an injection like that. I don’t know what it's made from, but it means Jeanne will power-up if she uses that. Jeanne points the needle at her neck.

“…..A second use of this will cut quite a lot off one's life span, but it looks like there's no other way than to use it.”

After saying that, she heals herself with the Phoenix’s tear and then injects the needle into her neck. The next moment, Jeanne’s body gave a big pulse! The pressure coming out from Jeanne’s body increases, and veins start to appear on her face! I realise that she’s going through a reckless power-up, just from looking at it. From what source did they make such a thing from? Jeanne laughs while making a big shiver.

“…..This is good. My powers are increasing!”

When she says that, a large quantity of blades begin appearing from the ground! It’s the Holy-sword! Jeanne’s Sacred Gear is Blade Blacksmith! The ability to make any sort of Holy-sword! Using that, she attained the Balance-Breaker to create a Dragon!

-But the thing she is trying to create isn’t a Dragon….. The Holy-sword doesn’t make a Dragon, but it instead covers her own body.

……Jeanne starts to get covered by the Holy-swords! And what appears in front of me is a single large snake! No, Jeanne’s upper body is growing out from the place where the snake’s head should be! Her lower-body turned into that of a gigantic snake….. She looks like the monster that's called Lamia! It’s a Holy-sword version of that!

“Its troublesome when she gets into that state. Her offence, defence, and speed increase even more than the time when

she used the Dragon.”

Xenovia says that. So Xenovia has fought that. Jeanne did say that this is her second injection. She must have fought Xenovia just before then.

[Ufufu, I don’t like this appearance that much, but it’s the truth that I have got stronger. I will have myself escape until Cao Cao gets here!]

After saying that, she gets ready to escape! Is she trying to escape!? No, since it has got into a situation like this, I won’t let her escape. I begin to imagine it in my head and get ready to use that attack! I released the imagination from my head and opened a fantasy atmosphere! –Now, let’s use this since I haven’t used it in a while!

“Bilingual!”

I released my technique towards Jeanne! Next is this! Question time!

“Hey! Jeanne’s Oppai-san! What are you going to do next?”

Jeanne’s oppai gave their answer to my question!

[Well, I’m thinking of destroying the road so I can escape into the sewers.]

Ara, her Oppai are girlish and sound cuter than I thought they would! Wait, she’s trying to escape to the sewers! I won’t let you! Jeanne tries to move swiftly with her snake body…… She sticks a large Holy-sword into the road but I move in front of her.

I then began activating my special move while making a stance to hit her from the side! This move also needs

imagination! First I touch my opponents body, and then I release my imagination! Yes the thing I imagine is……. A naked body.

“Dress Break!”

While I call out the name of my special move I make a cool pose, Jeanne’s lower body which is made up of the Holy-swords begins to collapse! As long as she is a woman, there is no way for her to escape this move! I also blow away her clothes! The naked body of an Onee-san! I save it into my brain!

“……You are the worst.”

I received a harsh comment from Koneko-sama! Just like always!

[…..Impossible!]

I then released my last dragon-shot at Jeanne who became naked.

“You borrowed Ophis’s power……and a part of Great-Red’s flesh to revive your body!?”

The one who said that with an astonished voice is…… Rossweisse-san.

“…….I did think you were alive……but I never thought you would survive by doing something as unimaginable as that…….It far exceeded my imagination……..”

Well, I was also quite shocked when I woke up on top of Great-Red.

“-The power to attract the strong, it truly is a scary thing if it can come this far. I came here to look at the monster that was going to destroy the capital city Lilith, but I never thought you would appear alongside Great-Red.”

A new voice! When I turned around…… Cao Cao was standing there!

Just like always, he is holding onto his spear and looking down at his fallen allies.

“….So you've surpassed them in a very short amount of time. What’s abnormal is the growth of the Gremory group….. Putting Heracles aside, Jeanne should have used [Chaos Break]….. By looking at her, she used it twice. Maybe there are demerits when you use it for a second time…..”

Rather than worrying about his comrades, he seems like he is evaluating why his comrades were defeated. You can say that it’s just like him to do that. Everyone felt different when he showed up. Everyone here has either tasted or can tell just how strong he is. His sights then move onto me…. They're not the eyes of interest he had looked at me with during our last encounter. They're disturbing eyes where he is looking at me as if I'm something abnormal.

“……So you are telling me you have returned, Hyoudou Issei. From the information I got from the Old-Maou faction, Shalba Beelzebub was supposed to have an arrow covered in Samael’s blood with him.”

“Yeah, I tasted that. My body became useless, but it seems like I got lucky because Great-Red just happened to be

passing by. I borrowed Great-Red’s power to recreate my body. ……Though it was thanks to all my senpai and Ophis.”

All of the thought fragments of my senpai’s have vanished. Even though we had our farewells like that……I’m grateful to them. With the many things that happened, I had a hard time convincing them, and I was always close to going berserk, but we still had an understanding between us for a short time.

-I wanted to talk to them even more. Hearing my words, I thought he would reply sarcastically. But…….he had very serious eyes. It’s my first time seeing such an expression from him.

“……Unbelievable. If you were to receive that poison, then your chance of survival should have been zero. And you are telling me you recreated your body with Great-Red’s help and returned by yourself……! Even meeting Great-Red isn’t something that you can just refer to as luck……!”

…….He's wearing an expression that is saying he can’t believe what happened, and he’s continuing to mumble to himself….. Anyway, he doesn’t seem like he’s going to attack us anytime soon. Then this would be a good time. I need to have her do that. I then said to Rias face to face.

“Rias. Please make me your servant once again.”

Yes, right now my body doesn’t have the evil-pieces. Currently, my body doesn't contain the evil-pieces I had previously received from Rias. Then that means I still haven't returned completely yet. –I can only consider myself to have truly returned once I receive the evil-pieces from the person whom I dearly love.

Rias takes out the evil-pieces from her pocket. –Eight crimson “Pawn” evil-pieces. Rias directs the Pawn pieces towards me. The evil-pieces make a bright glow in front of my chest, and then enter my body silently. Rias’s lips then overlap with my lips. I then hug Rias.

-I will never leave her side again. I’m going to live on beside her from now on.

“-Stay and live on together with me.”

She says these warm words with a smile. Then I felt a crimson and hot nostalgic feeling within me. I can feel the pulse of the evil-pieces from within my body. The power they give me. Yeah, now it’s completed. Now I can fight as Hyoudou Issei, the Pawn of the Gremory group!

“Yes, I will stay and live on with Rias. –My dream is to become the Ultimate Pawn.”

I declare that very strongly. Yes. I’m going to live on with this woman……and my comrades! I’m going to achieve happiness together with them! After I got a familiar feeling back, I banged onto my chest hard!

“Yes! They stabilised within my body immediately! To be expected from my evil-pieces!”

When I was ready to take on Cao Cao or anyone else…… A creepy wave appeared in front of me. When I looked there, black things appeared at a corner of the road. Then a weapon which seems like a Scythe comes flying from it! A robe with many ornaments. A person who is wearing the mask of a clown appears. I remember him. The Ultimate-level Grim Reaper that assaulted us back in the dimensional gap…..Pluto!

<It hasn’t been that long since we last met everyone.>

Cao Cao sighs at the appearance of the Grim Reaper.

“Pluto, why are you here?”

It seems like it's an unexpected visit. Pluto then explains to Cao Cao.

<It’s an order from Hades-sama. He told me to capture Ophis once she appears no matter the cost.>

-! His eyes move to Ophis who is standing next to me. …… This guy. No. Is Hades still after Ophis!? She had her powers stolen and she isn’t infinite anymore! How much attachment does Hades have to her!?

“I will be your opponent. Ultimate-level Grim Reaper, Pluto.”

-! Then another new voice! Who’s interfering this time!? Wait, I know this voice! There’s no way I will forget his voice! There are only a few people who speak in such a battle-freak manner! The one who comes down with wings of light between us, Cao Cao, and Pluto……is that man covered in white armour.

“Like I thought, you have returned Hyoudou Issei.”

“Vali!”

Yes, it’s Vali! Man, why are the guys who are against me popping up one by one!? Are they planning to come and appear along with my return!? While I had my head filled with all these confusing events, Vali says to Pluto.

“I wanted to take out my anger from back in the artificial dimension on someone. I was having trouble deciding

whether I should take it out on Hades or the Hero-faction, but I left Hades to Azazel, Bikou and the others. I was waiting for the Hero-faction to appear, but the Gremory group took them out. Then if this is the case, the only one I can take out my anger on is you, Pluto.”

Vali says that up front. He has his usual poker-face, but I can see that there are signs of anger within his words. This guy has lots of frustration within him right now….. Pluto makes his stance at Vali after spinning his scythe.

<I hear that you sent Fenrir to Hades-sama’s place. I received the message just before coming here. The fang that is able to kill a god is truly a serious threat. –We've truly received a terrifying assault.>

“We captured Fenrir for such occasions.”

<It’s a dangerous thought, were you hoping to fight the Gods from each of the factions?>

“If we don’t have a negotiation “tool” like that, we won’t be able to take on God head on right?”

<Very well. But for me to take you on, who is the true descendant of the Lucifer, and also someone who is the Hakuryuukou……. I really don’t know what will happen even though I've lived for such a long time. –It feels like my soul will go even higher if I defeat you.>

……He accepted the challenge! So it's “Hakuryuukou VS The legendary Grim Reaper”! Vali then says it after changing his helmet to its usual state.

“It seems like Hyoudou Issei convinced the past hosts of the Heavenly-Dragons, but I’m different.”

DON!

Vali then gets enveloped in an insane amount of aura! T-This guy…..! Is he going to get serious right from the start!? He’s emitting out an insane amount of aura to the surroundings!

“I will show you the other form of [Juggernaut Drive] where I've completely sealed off the thoughts of the past possessors.”

Wings of light spread from his body, and they are emitting demonic-powers. The pure-white armour is enveloped by very bright lights. Then from each of the jewels….

“I, the one to awaken. -Am the Hakuryuukou who will take the law down to the darkness.”

The shallow thoughts of past Hakuryuukou are flowing into me from the jewels.

[What we strengthen is the height of the Heavenly-Dragon!]
[The path we go is the road of the domination of the Hakuryuukou!]

[We stop the infinite and devour the dream!]

These people don’t have any grudge or hatred, and they are filled with an overwhelming pure fighting will. Did they come to understand each other through fighting?

“I walk the road of domination with infinite destruction and by piercing through the imaginary dream. –I shall become a pure Emperor of the Dragon…..”

[[[["I shall have you obey the silver-white illusions and the perfect evil-ways."]]]]

[Juggernaut Over Drive!!!!!!!!!!!]

The one who appears in front of us is covered in silver-white armour, and is emitting an amount of aura so enormous that he looks like he came from a completely different world. He hasn’t even touched anything, yet things around him like the vehicles and public property are being squashed! The aura coming from his body is enough to crush down the surroundings!

I realised it as soon as I saw it. Yes, that this guy is truly a monster. The thoughts of past possessors who I went through a lot to convince. And the [Juggernaut-Drive] that I have thrown away due to it putting my life in danger. This guy turned both things into his own power with only his talent. And he sublimated it..... And this guy is my rival. Hehe, he is insane. I realise it once again. That “Maybe I have promised a showdown with someone truly insane?”.

“-[Empireo Juggernaut Over Drive]. It is similar, but different to [Juggernaut Drive]. An enhanced form which only I can use. You shall taste this strength with your own body!”

The one who goes slashing at Vali who just said that is Pluto. He moves very fast while creating an afterimage, and wielding his red scythe! Pluto is a strong foe who was able to fight on par with Sensei! You can’t let your guard down against him....

CRACK!

In front of me, the sound of metal breaking echoes. That’s because Vali broke Pluto’s scythe with his fist quite easily!

……He broke that evil scythe with only one hit!

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Pluto seems shocked, but Pluto receives an uppercut to his jaw. While making a loud sound, Pluto’s body gets lifted high up into the air! Vali directs his right hand towards Pluto, and he closes his palm.

“-Compress.”

[Compression Divider!!!!]

[Divide Divide Divide Divide Divide Divide Divide Divide Divide Divide Divide Divide Divide!!]

Pluto’s body which is lifted high up…..starts to get compressed in length, then next by width. Then again by length….. Next by next, Pluto’s body gets halved!

<Something like this…..! Such power like this……!>

Pluto screams as if he can’t believe what is happening to him. Vali then says it without any mercy.

“-Perish.”

The Grim Reaper whose body became so small that I can’t see it with my eyes starts to lose his body to nothingness. While having the air vibrate, the Grim Reaper perishes. And that was the last of that Grim Reaper.

Vali, who changed back to his usual Balance-Breaker from Silver-white armour is breathing hard. But…… He defeated that Grim Reaper without allowing him to do anything…! By looking at it, that form drains him a lot, but its certain that he killed Pluto in an instant. –So this is the answer Vali got

from [Juggernaut-Drive]. At this point, it is clearly much more powerful than my True-Queen form.

….That guy, Vali, is getting even more powerful. Even my comrades became speechless at Vali’s strength. Though Sairaorg-san is smiling with joy.

“…..Two-Heavenly Dragons are truly terrifying.”

The one who approaches us while saying that is Cao Cao.

“Vali. I was right to not allow you to use Juggernaut-Drive back in the artificial dimension…..”

Vali gets such remarks from Cao Cao….. But he breathes out.

“[Juggernaut-Drive] excels in terms of destruction, but it comes with danger to your life and the risk of going out of control. The form I just showed you minimised that as much as possible. But what’s different from [Juggernaut Drive] is that it can be strengthened even more. Cao Cao. Your greatest failure is that you didn’t kill me when you had a chance.”

Cao Cao became silent at Vali’s words. Cao Cao then looks at me.

“I want to confirm. –Hyoudou Issei. What are you?”

…..Even if he asks me that, I am just me. While I was thinking hard, Cao Cao twitches his neck.

“Like I thought, it really is weird no matter how much I think about it. It is hard to qualify you when you returned by your own powers. You are no longer a Heavenly-Dragon. But you also don’t fit in the True-Dragon or Dragon-God category…. That’s why, who actually are you……”

“Then won’t Oppai Dragon be just fine.”

I couldn’t be bothered so I answered him like that. He shows a dumb-face for a moment, but he laughs and nods immediately.

“……I see. Yes. That’s easy to understand.”

After confirming that, he points his spear towards us.

“So what should we do now? Will the one who will play with me be Hyoudou Issei? Or Vali? Or Sairaorg Bael? Or will you come at me all at once? No. Taking on all of you will be impossible. It would be reckless if I take on three Longinuses.”

What provoking words. No matter how strong he is, he wouldn’t last if he were to take on Vali and Sairaorg-san as well. Especially after seeing Vali just now, he doesn’t have a chance to win. Vali approaches me and says it with a small voice.

“His Seven Treasures. You know up to four of them right?”

…..Cao Cao’s ability huh.

“Yeah. The one which seals women’s abilities. The one which destroys weapons. The one which transfers attacks. And the one which transfers his opponents.”

I saw that in the battle a few days ago. If I take him on, he won’t be able to use the one which seals women’s abilities, so I only need to be alert of six of his abilities.

“The other three abilities are the following. To allow him to fly. The ability to create many doubles like Kiba Yuuto’s

Blade Blacksmith Balance-Breaker. And the last one is his sphere which focuses heavily on destruction.”

I see. The one which allows him to fly. The one similar to Kiba’s. And the one sphere with great destruction power. Roger that. But I never thought he would explain it to me…..

“Anyway, I will give you my thanks.”

So it would be up to me now huh. Suddenly it became a situation where I have to take him on. While thinking that, I took a step. Seeing that, Cao Cao smiles happily.

“So my opponent will be the Sekiryuutei I see. And the others aren’t moving knowing that.”

Like he said, everyone confirms the battle between me and Cao Cao and are acknowledging that. Yeah, I have a huge debt to pay him.

“Yeah, I can’t calm myself until I pay you back.”

There is a part of me where I can’t accept that I lost against him without even having a chance to display my True-Queen form. While sensing my will to fight, he starts to tap his spear on his shoulder.

“Interesting. That time I finished it by aiming at Triaina’s weak point, but this time I will take you on when you are using your full power. –Turn into the crimson armour.”

“Of course I will be using it! Let’s go Ddraig!”

[Ou! Our opponent is the ultimate Longinus once again! If you can’t beat him here, then you won’t be able to call yourself the Sekiryuutei!]

“Of course!”

While emitting an enormous amount of aura from my body, I start to say the chant.

“I, the one to awaken am the Sekiryuutei who holds up the truth of the King up-high!”

My senpai’s who answered this chant are no longer here.

“Holding the infinite hope and indestructible dream walking the road of righteousness. I will become the Emperor of the Crimson Dragon…”

But I’m not alone. I have my comrades who look over my fights with warm eyes!

"And I will lead you to the path of Heaven glowing in Deep(True)-Crimson light!”

[Cardinal Crimson Full Drive!!!!]

My armour's colour changes to crimson, and its shape changes as well! Promoting to True-Queen is completed! The evil-pieces feel good as well! No wonder they're my evil-pieces! I was able to use this form immediately after my return! My True-Queen is still unstable but I have to do it! While seeing my change, he also makes the ring and seven orbs appear around him. His Balance-Breaker sure is quiet like always. It’s so silent that it is creepy.

“Hatsutei Ratana.”

Cao Cao flies up after putting his orb below his feet! So that’s the ability that allows him to fly! I spread my Dragon wings and also fly into the air!

[Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost!!]

I released the dragon-shot up into the sky where there are many tall buildings lined up! I wanted to show him a even larger one, but he made one of his orbs come near me. He made a spiral appear in front of it, and it sucks in my attack! That’s the ability to send an attack to another location! So he’s planning to release that attack elsewhere! While I was staying on high alert….a spiral is created below me and the dragon-shot comes out through it!

“Wow!”

I dodged it and shot out another block of demonic-power!

[Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost!!]

This time it’s the scattered type. I shoot them out at random!

“Gahapatei Ratana!”

Cao Cao made one of the orbs go in front of him and it starts to grow, then several humanoid-type things appear. It’s one of the abilities Vali explained earlier. It certainly is similar to Kiba’s Balance-Breaker where he can command the soldiers he creates! So it's basically soldiers being created from the orb! Those creations perish after getting hit by my dragon-shot. So he used them as a shield! During the attacking and defending that just took place, Cao Cao vanished. Where is he!? When I was trying to locate him, a spear comes towards me from the side! I somehow dodge it while only allowing it to graze my armour a bit, but the armour plate covering my stomach is destroyed in the process! But there is no damage to my physical body!

“You! You are using the same ability as Kiba! Also there's not much difference between your ability and Kiba's who you previously made a fool out of? Even your creations can't use your techniques either! I can’t believe you were even able to make fun of him!”

Back in the artificial dimension, he defeated Kiba’s ability with ease. But in my eyes, Kiba’s ability is superior than the one Cao Cao just showed! Cao Cao laughs at my argument.

“Hahahaha! Maybe so. But I told you didn’t I? That my abilities still need tuning and that they aren’t complete yet. That’s the reason I took an interest in Kiba Yuuto’s ability back then. Though his ability was still at the same level as mine, so I lost interest in it immediately! Also my ability is a bit different from Kiba Yuuto’s ability. Well that depends on how I use it from now on.”

So that’s how it was! Then this guy’s ability will become a pain after he finishes tuning it.

“Oh man! Seriously, taking on you who defeated Azazel-sensei sure is a pain!”

“Governor Azazel huh. Certainly I defeated him in the battle back then, but if we fight again I will most likely not win so easily.”

“? Why’s that?”

His fighting was overwhelming. The part where he dodged Sensei’s attack and then immediately impaled his spear into Sensei has been burnt deeply into my brain. I still can’t believe Sensei lost. That’s what I thought, but Cao Cao says words which I never could have anticipated.

“There’s no way I can look down on that Governor. Those scientist-type warriors will research their opponent until their battle strategy is flawless for the next time they fight them. For guys like me who will be taken down with a single heavy blow, those type of opponents are truly frightening. That’s why I realised the Governor’s strength in our first fight, and defeated him in my second fight against him. –But the third time will be dangerous for me.”

…..It’s just like Cao Cao says. There’s no way that Sensei will stay quiet after being taken down. If this guy and Sensei fight again, it will be a close match. Cao Cao then makes his stance after spinning his spear.

“Now, lets resume our battle.”

Ah! Again Cao Cao begins to disappear and then reappear! Since I’m battling him in the sky above the city, I need to be alert of what's beneath me as well! It certainly does get on my nerves! This time he appears behind me. I was able to dodge it up in the air…..but he's seriously appearing in unexpected places! Shit! He suddenly appears as if he just got transported from nowhere! …….Transportation? Oh yeah, one of his orbs had an ability to allow him to transport to any place he choses. So he can use it on himself! …..Man it sure has lots of tricks. Just like Rias said back then, each orb has the same shape and size so I won’t know which ability it has until he uses it. Just like now, he can use it as a combo so he has many varieties with which to attack me! The power of his spear is already very scary to begin with, but his other abilities are hard to take care off! For someone dumb like me, fighting an extended battle against him is unfavorable. He probably has a Phoenix tear with him as well! …….But there is a way to defeat him. It’s also because I will win if just one of my attacks hits him, but I thought of a plan back in the dimensional gap after losing to him. I need

to make him put his guard down! Even though I thought like that, my battle with him is extremely intense. No matter what sort of attack I use, he either evades it using his orbs or he just blocks it. I already have my hands full with evading the holy-spear which suddenly appears from all directions. Even if I change the direction of the dragon-shot I shoot out, I can’t even make him blink! Also the soldiers created from one of his orbs appear by instant transportation, so no matter how much distance I have with him I don’t have time to fix my position.

[Star Sonic Booster!!!!]

Even if I close my distance with him at extremely high speed, he either runs away by teleportation or he buys time to evade it by using the soldiers as his shield.

[Solid Impact Booster!!!!]

Even if I somehow close my distance and give him a hit with a lot of destructive power, he just evades it by using the abilities of his orbs. My punch which misses him gets stuck in a building and the building collapses immediately. …..I’m sorry to whoever the owner of the building is!

Oh yeah. He understands the weak point of armour type Sacred Gears! He evaded the attacks of Sensei and Vali when they attacked him at the same time, so it would be natural for my attacks not to reach him at all! Because armour-types have extreme power, during their attacks aura gathers at certain parts so he said it's easy to predict the attacks. Even if you know that with your brain, actually responding to the movements shows that he is insanely strong.

Also his right eye which is a Medusa’s eye! He can change anything to stone with it! My armour also has many parts

that have been turned to stone! Everytime that happens, I destroy those parts and have them fixed! Luckily it hasn’t turned my physical body to stone! Maybe it's his fighting style to not let his opponents regain their footing for even an instant! Buildings around us are destroyed because of me and Cao Cao. ……I’m glad there is no one here. No, it isn’t good. It feels like I will get yelled at afterwards. Anyway I will apologise as much as they want me to as long as I can defeat Cao Cao!

…..But I’m getting pushed back little by little. The way my armour is getting destroyed is getting worse! He starts to get a grasp of my attack style in this form! What a fearsome guy! For him to move around this much even though he is a technique-type! He easily surpasses Kiba! Even if I want to use Crimson-Blaster, I need a bit of charging time and that may become fatal against this guy!

-For a power-type such as me, my compatibility against him is the worst!

-Then I felt something. When I spread my wings to that direction, a single ray of crimson aura hits me and replenishes my aura. I then saw Rias on a building far away who shot the Oppai-beam to me. Aaaah Rias! You made the size of your oppai smaller again for me! Rias’s love for me feels very supportive! The power I received from the woman I love! There isn’t any power stronger than this! I even sensed her thoughts without even planning about this. Rias and I must be connected deeply from our hearts! It sure makes me happy!

“The beam from a breast that I heard rumours about. I see. You couple are really terrifying.”

Cao Cao says that while laughing! This bastard! He laughed at Rias's oppai-beam! I won't forgive him!

"Taste this!"

[Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost Boost!!]

I transferred the power to the fire within my stomach, and I brewed a huge flame of fire! The fire of a Dragon! Wide-range attack! The whole sky gets dyed with my fire. My opponent is a human! Even if I can't hit him directly, it will give him a huge amount of damage if he gets burnt by it. With this he won't be able to defe…….

ZABAAAAAAAAAAAN!

The holy-spear releases enormous amount of light, and it eradicates my flames.

……Oh yeah, Vali did mention it. That Cao Cao is able to release intense light if he wanted to……..! He then swings his spear to the sides from his stance! Oh crap! I evade it by flying up high. But the huge wave from the holy-spear splits a building and the building behind it in half and they collapse! The wave pierces through to other buildings and many of them collapse! So many buildings collapse just from him swinging his holy-spear with power in it…….

…….If a Devil like me receives that, rather than my body getting split in half it will perish before that can even happens! Cao Cao then says it with a smile of joy.

"Hahahaha! Amazing! So this is the rumoured True-Queen! My attacks can't even give you a clean hit! But your attacks aren't hitting me either! It truly gives me chills! I will be finished if I receive your attack!"

But my attacks don’t show any signs of hitting him! If you are saying that, then please get hit by one of my attacks! It will end with that right!?

He wields his spear while spinning it! I dodge the slash coming beneath me, and I dodge the slash above me be stepping back. Then an orb appears on the tip of his spear. His smile then got stronger.

“Comparing you to Vali, you are still lacking. Parinaaya Ratana!”

The orb comes flying towards my stomach! I then gathered the aura on both my arms and shaped it into a thick arm. The power of Rook. I will block it with this! I receive the attack by having my arms crossed! The moment it hits me, an unbelievable amount of impact goes through my arms to my whole body! So it's even useless with the power of Rook….!

-I then realised it immediately. It’s the orb which focuses on destructive power! B-But I never thought it had this much attack power…….! I fly back because of the impact!

CRAAAAAAAAAAAASH!

I went crashing towards the window of a building. I even went crashing through until reaching the walls of the building and then eventually passing through the building. Even the next building. Also the building after that. And again crashing through walls of buildings. I crashed through so many buildings that it became stupid to continue counting them and eventually I crashed violently into one of the walls of a certain building and it stopped.

…….Gough.

From the pain I have on my stomach, I spit out things from inside my stomach…… It was vomits of blood. ……I received this much pain from a single attack…… Putting my organs aside, did a couple of bones get broken? My armour is basically destroyed from that attack just now….. Even my arms which I had made thick with the power of [Rook] are destroyed…..! Both my arms are paralysed so they can't move properly. …….So that attack just now is the one which concentrates on destructive power. But why didn't he use that before? Does it take time to use it? Or are there restrictions on how many times he can use it? It should be one of them. It's weird that he hadn't used such an attack until now. He could have easily defeated me if he included that attack numerous times during his combos. Because he used it this late, there is a high possibility that it has a few requirements for its use.

……Hehehe. Since I have been fighting so many strong foes, even an idiot like myself is able to think about that. It sure isn't easy being a Sekiryuutei.

……..Hmm? I then realised the place where I currently am. The one that falls near my hand is the doll of Switch-Princess. When I look around, this is a toy store where it has so many dolls lining up. Because I entered by crashing through the window, the collision made the dolls fall down.

! This is….. With this….. I took a certain doll with my shaking hands. I then thought of something looking at Switch-Princess doll in my hand.

"The Seven Treasures I just used is also incomplete. The ability is also unclear. Right now I'm having it concentrate on heavy destruction power, but it overlaps with the ability that destroys weapons. It would be good if I can think of a good ability….. I can't give it an ability that is too far-

fetched. –So are you done already? So this is the limit of you, who has used the crimson armour huh……”

Cao Cao says that and appears. He entered through the broken window.

“Hey, tell me. If you fight Vali in the form he used before, will you win?”

“……No. The form Vali used to kill Pluto instantly... it wouldn’t be an exaggeration if I were to call him a Super-Devil. –So it will be impossible for me to beat him as well. It’s a simple difference in power and power output. He can take me down just by using power alone.”

Hearing that, I felt relieved. ……Geez, it’s not like me to worry about my rival. But yeah. That guy won’t lose to this guy. –The one who will beat him head on will be me. Only me. ……But I need to overcome this obstacle somehow.

“Kukuku……”

I couldn’t hold myself back from laughing.

“What’s funny?”

Cao Cao asks me with doubt.

“It’s the same as back then.”

Yes. That time when I had a one on one battle with Raiser. This circumstances and situation. In that match, I also hit my limit at the last moment and was put in a tough spot. But even so, I was still able to fight.

“Hey Cao Cao. I have also fought by aiming for my opponent’s weakness. To protect the girl I liked, and to take

her back. By using my small brain to the fullest.”

“? What are you saying? I don’t get what you are trying to say. I don’t think you have gone crazy….. Are you planning to do something?”

“That time, the only thing I had left was the Dragon's power which I had a bit of. That situation is no different from this situation.”

I show the Switch-Princess doll to him. The one I just picked up earlier.

“There is a trick on this doll, and the oppai part can be shot out. Rias became astonished when the test-type doll arrived at our house. –Sirzechs-sama thought of this doll.”

“And what about it?”

I then took out a single bullet from my pocket. It’s the one I picked up from the dimensional gap.

“I retrieved this from a golem floating in the dimensional gap. –A bullet from the anti-monster machine gun I found in the Gogmagog that had stopped moving. It was supposed to have been made a long time ago, but it has a similar shape to that of the bullets of the current era. ……Maybe the power of creation that human’s possess is similar to that of a God now.”

I said that while loading the bullet on the oppai of the Switch-Princess doll. I then transferred the power of the Sekiryuutei to it.

[Transfer!!]

While transferring the power, I pushed the button on the doll. Then the bullet placed on the oppai part of the doll increases its speed when it gets shot from it and flies towards Cao Cao.

“……Have you gone mad?”

Cao Cao hits the bullet easily with his holy-spear. –Then the bullet which was hit away breaks and releases a liquid from it. The liquid then goes on Cao Cao’s face. To his right eye. Cao Cao wipes his eye after receiving it.

“……What is this….liquid…..”

While wiping it, his body goes through a change.

Gough…..

Cao Cao spits something out of his mouth. Blood.

“Guha!”

He suddenly begins to suffer, and falls on his knees. His body is shivering. He dropped down with his legs and hands on the floor, and realises it after he vomits out more blood.

“T-This is……! Uguwaaaaaaaa!”

Right now, he must be going through a pain that you can’t even describe in words. The pain is so insane, that he shouldn’t be able to endure it. I stood up with my arms and legs which have returned to normal, and I then said it to Cao Cao who is on the floor.

“-It’s Samael’s blood. The one Shalba used against me.”

Hearing me, Cao Cao opens his eyes wide. I continue explaining.

“I had the blood of Samael get taken out of my body while I was having my body recreated. I then thought about it while having Samael’s blood be disposed of. –“Wasn’t the curse God gave to Samael the one where he placed his hatred towards Dragons and snakes?”. Like that.”

“…My eye! My medusa’s eye!”

His eye has already been crushed with Samael’s poison, and so much blood is coming out of it.

“Yeah. Medusa is a monster with hair made of snakes right? Then maybe you who had her eye transplanted into yourself will receive the same effect from Samael’s blood? That’s why I thought about this back in the dimensional gap. Then I had Ophis transfer Samael’s blood into the bullet I found in Gogmagog.”

Yes, I used my small brain to the maximum to find a way to defeat this guy back in the dimensional gap. But if I was to fight this guy anytime soon, then I needed to have a plan against him. While I was thinking that we went past Gogmagog which was floating in the dimensional gap, and I remembered my fight against Raiser.

“……..Gough! Haahaa……. ……..Fufufu, I never thought you would use such a method…..!”

Cao Cao laughs to himself while going through intense pain.

“I was also on the verge of death since I’m a Dragon but also a Devil. Even if you are the descendant of a Hero and have the ultimate spear, you are a human. –Can a human like yourself withstand that curse?”

“…..Most likely not……. ……..My body has already stopped functioning…… ……..Phoenix’s tear will have no effect

on…….Samael’s curse…… So the reason why I lost is because I’m a “human”……..! Fuhahahaha…….! For me who has been researching my opponents weaknesses……to turn out like this…… …….It’s the most sarcastic thing ever…….!”

Even though he is going through intense pain, he laughs to himself.

“Yeah. Your weakness is…..that you are a human.”

Cao Cao shouldn’t be able to fight now. His Balance-Breaker has vanished already. The power I could sense from the holy-spear before has vanished. –It is my win.

……For me to win using a doll of Rias. And with the Switch-Princess’s oppai missile.

[Zoom Zoom Iyaaan.]

Switch-Princess doll made a sound like that. ……..Hahahaha, it sure is like me. I blurted out laughing because I found it funny. Hey the past hosts. Zoom Zoom Iyaaan sure is amazing. No wonder you guys became crazy about it.

“……Then I will use [Truth Idea].”

-! W-What did he say!? I became astonished at what Cao Cao just said! He grabs the holy-spear with his trembling hands, and makes a stance and starts to speak!

“Spear. The true holy-spear which pierces through God. –Suck the ambition of a king of domination sleeping within me, and pierce through the gap of blessing and destruction. –You. Announce the will, and turn into a glow.”

Along with Cao Cao’s chant, the tip of the spear opens, and magnificent amounts of light start glowing out from it. ……..

Maybe it will be bad to let him release this much amount of light anymore than this? I mean what will happen? From Sensei’s talk, what’s sealed inside that spear is something like the will of God who has passed away. Vali said it is similar, but very different to [Juggernaut Drive]. I don’t know what it is about…… But [Juggernaut-Drive] is the embodiment of destruction that gets out of control. It seems like [Truth Idea] will also cause huge destruction to this city if released! Should I increase my guard? Or should I use the power of [Knight] to escape from here? When I was choosing my option…..

The light from the spear gradually starts to weaken…… …….The tip of the spear which was wide-opened returned back to normal. Cao Cao saw that. He became speechless and shocked. For this guy who had been showing so much confidence until now to be like this….. Then does that mean…… Cao Cao then explains as if he is answering my doubt.

“….It’s not……activating……?”

…..So that’s what happened after all. I was a bit prepared myself when I saw the huge amount of light, but what I can feel from the spear isn’t that much of a threat. More like isn’t the holy power weakening? –Then Cao Cao made an expression as if he got his answer after sensing something from his spear.

“……I see. So that is your “will”. –So you have picked Sekiryuutei’s dream over my ambition.”

……? I don’t understand even a bit of what he just said…… But does it mean the spear won’t be powering up now?

“……So you received the curse Cao Cao”

The one who appears saying that is….Vali. He came through the broken window, and he looks down on Cao Cao who is on the floor.

“……Hey Vali. …….Your rival is the best.”

“I won’t hand him over to you, Cao Cao. –Why did [Truth Idea] fail? You used it just before right? I sensed it when I was coming towards this building.”

Vali asks him. I also want to know that. Vali then opened his ears to Cao Cao’s words.

“……[Truth Idea] is related to the “will” of the God from the Bible. The will of the deceased God sucks the ambition of the holder of this spear, and by responding to how strong the opponent is, it creates many effects and miracles…… That can be something with absolute power to destroy the opponent……or a blessing to the opponent to capture their hearts. –But the answer the [Truth Idea] gave to Sekiryuutei is silence. ……Then it means that Sekiryuutei won this match, and this spear wants to see Hyoudou Issei’s dream over mine…….”

……The God of the Bible acknowledged me as the winner? The God liked my dream over Cao Cao’s? Vali then smiles in amusement after hearing that.

“So that holy-spear chose Hyoudou Issei and not Cao Cao. That’s why I told you remember? That you should take down me and Hyoudou Issei before we become out of control. And this is the result. An end which just seems dull. Like I thought, the person who has the right to defeat the Sekiryuutei who turned into a crimson colour is me.”

Cao Cao laughs at himself hearing Vali.

“……I wanted to defeat him.”

……Can you stop saying homo stuff between guys!? It’s nothing but disgusting! I feel sick because lately strong foes…..especially guys look at me with keen eyes! I want to be popular amongst girls! I won’t be happy if I get popular with muscular guys!

“Yeah, that’s right. I will be the one defeating Hyoudou Issei.”

“My friend sure is very popular.”

And the ones coming in now are Sairaorg-san and Kiba. – Now the number of guys in here has increased once again! I hate this atmosphere. It truly is hard to breath in here. And all of them are looking at me with passionate eyes! Noooooooooooooooooooo!

Rias, Asia, Akeno-san, Koneko-chan, Xenovia, Irina, Rossweisse-san, Ravel! Please save me!

“…..Two-Heavenly Dragons. King of Lions. Holy-demonic sword……. Certainly this is a bad situation for me. More like I would be killed at this rate….. Maybe I was already cornered by the time we lost Leornado…….. No. Maybe laying our fingers on you meant our loss…… Like I thought, maybe it would have been better to use Samael……on not Ophis……..but Great-Red….. I never thought that the encounter with the Gremory group, and our choice……..meant as our flag to lose……”

Even though he’s laughing at himself, he is starting to lose breath. Not only is he saying something that I can’t understand, but the colour of his face is turning bad. He

won’t be able to hold in Samael’s curse like how Vali did using his demonic-powers, so his condition will just get worse. Then a familiar mist surrounds us. Then a person appears from the mist.

“…..Let’s return, Cao Cao.”

The one who appears next to Cao Cao is Georg, who is very torn. He’s missing one of his eyes and one of his arms. His left-leg is coloured in black, and he is not in a proper condition.

“Georg……..”

“……Cao Cao. We……did have many miscalculations, but we weren’t wrong. Except…..”

He takes Cao Cao’s hand and activates the transportation magic-circle. He then looks at us. I won’t let you escape! Everyone except Vali goes towards them. But the holy-spear releases a bright light, and we couldn’t move our body and use our eyes for a moment! So he still had this much power in him!

“……..We will be eliminated if we get involved with the Two-Heavenly Dragons. Just like Shalba and the others……”

“……You are right, Georg……”

While getting his body burnt with the holy power, Sairaorg-san’s fist cuts through the air. They are no longer there. We were a second late because we had our eyes become useless for a moment from the bright light.

They left after just saying that……

Part 3

….I let them escape at the crucial moment. I can only close my mouth to myself for being naïve. While I was feeling down, Sairaorg-san pats my head.

“Don’t feel down. It’s your victory. Looking at their conditions, both of them won’t be able to fight for a while. No, they won’t be able to fight as how they used to anymore from their wounds.”

Sairaorg-san says that. …….I won’t know how much effect Samael’s poison will have on him, but even myself who is both a Dragon and a Devil had my body destroyed easily from it. So nothing good will be waiting for him after this. Vali then says it while looking at me.

“If you got in contact with Great-Red, then before challenging that Sekiryuushintei I need to finish my battle with you first.”

So a declaration of battle already huh. It’s just like him.

“Yeah, bring it. I will become even stronger and defeat you.”

“But be careful. While many will fear you, there will be more coming after your life. –That’s what it means to get in contact with the True-Dragon and Dragon-God.”

That sure is scary. Well if they will be coming after my life, then I just need to overcome them.

“Even if anything comes to me, I will just continue walking ahead for my dream. –To become a High-class Devil and become a Harem-King! And I also want to become the King in the Rating Game as well!”

Hearing my declaration, he smiles with enjoyment.

[Ddraig…… Will you be resting for a while?]

[……Yeah. Maybe so. Or maybe….. I’m sorry Albion.]

……? Albion and Ddraig are talking to each other? What are they talking about? –Then I sensed another person coming here. The one who enters through the door is the man in the clothing of a gentleman. Arthur.

“Vali. Everyone is here. Like we planned, we made a rampage.”

“I see.”

Vali turns around. Arthur then looks at Kiba.

“Kiba Yuuto. It seems like you are the most worthy opponent that I have been searching for with my Holy-King sword Collbrande. The time when Vali has his battle with Hyoudou Issei, I will also seek a battle with you. Until then, I hope we both don’t get involved in anything unfortunate.”

Saying that, Vali and Arthur left. Kiba is also smiling at the challenge he received from Arthur. …….Somehow, did this guy become stronger while I was away? ……He even has the demonic-swords that belonged to Siegfried on his hips!

“Did you defeat Siegfried?”

I ask Kiba while pointing at the demonic-swords on his hips.

“Eh? Oh this? Well many things happened. Siegfried was defeated by all of us.”

Oh, is that so? But he received the demonic-swords.

“Now, I also have my servants waiting for me. I will leave then.”

Sairaorg-san walks towards the window.

“Sairaorg-san. Thank you very much.”

Sairaorg-san waved his hand at my gratitude. He jumps off from the window. He left stylishly from the window. Just like Sairaorg-san.

“I will also go and call everyone. Ise-kun, you rest here.”

Kiba also jumps from the window saying that.

….I’m by myself now. When I was thinking about looking around the shop until everyone gets here.

[Partner, that was a good fight. For you to also start fighting not just with your power but also with your brain……. You still lack in many departments, but…….it was still a good fight.]

Ddraig praises me.

“What is it, all of a sudden?”

[……No. You should be fine with this.]

“……You seem a bit unenergetic.”

I can hear his voice being cut off. Something like this has never happened before.

[……Looks like I used too many things to revive your body….. I will lose my consciousness very soon…..]

!

…….W-What do you mean! What’s happening! Why didn’t you tell me!? Then the conversation between you and Albion just before is……. A farewell…..? You are lying! You are joking right!? Wait! Hold on a second!

[……Don’t worry…… I will make sure you can use the Boosted Gear even without me……. That’s why I’m glad I was able to see a good fight…….at the end……..]

Ddraig’s voice starts to get cut off even more, and his voice is becoming small and weak.

“Wait! …..I still…..I still can’t do anything without you!”

[You can……. You have…..your……..comrades……. ……..I am……..no longer……..needed……..]

His words are getting cut off! No! This is too much! I need you! You are my partner! Let’s stay together forever! We are a Sekiryuutei together! We had been….doing stuff together! At school! At home! Against Kokabiel! My first encounter with Vali! During the camp at the mountains during the summer! Against the Sitri group! Against Loki! Even at Kyoto…..! And the match against Bael…….

My tears aren’t stopping. I have so many tears running from eyes and I even have snot coming down from my nose. The things that are coming to my head are the memories I had with Ddraig……and I couldn’t do anything about it.

For you to die because of restoring my body…….I don’t want that! Ddraig then says it clearly to me.

[My partner. Ise. Thank you. –It was fun……]

“Ddraig….? Hey…..answer me……. Hey……Partner……..”

It’s not fair that you call me by my name at the end! That’s not fair! Say it to me properly! Call me Ise again! I beg you! This is…..not…….

My jewel doesn’t answer me even when I talk to it. ……..So he won’t talk to me ever again…..? While I was thinking such a thing, a sound comes into my ears.

[……..Gugooooooooooooooo]

A snore.

…..Huh? A snore? He’s sleeping……?

“Ddraig is exhausted because he used his powers in the dimensional gap. He’s sleeping.”

There is someone who touches my gauntlet gently.

-It’s Ophis. It seems like she came here without me noticing.

“……Ophis? Wait, Ddraig is just sleeping!?”

T-This bastard! He’s just taking a nap! Shit! He made me worry so much!

“Ddraig! ……..You idiot…..! You idiot……..!”

I could only cry while hugging my gauntlet! Damn it! It would have been horrible if it was actually a good-bye! Since you and I will be together as partners!

……But I’m relieved. Thank you for doing all this for me. Rest now, my partner.

-Ah, I can sense my comrades. They should be here soon. Yeah it finally finished, my mid-class promotion test that is. The test which was long and hard finally finished. No, the test hasn’t finished until I go home.

“Let’s go home Ophis. This time……with everyone.”

“I will return home to the Sekiryuutei’s house.”

Ophis made an adorable smiley face. Yeah, she isn’t the boss of the terrorists after all. She is just a Dragon who is strong and lonely. –Then I remembered something. What should I do about my school mid-year exams…..? I finally fell into despair.

Azazel

Part 1

The tension in this scene calmed down when I, Azazel, received the news that the alliance was able to defeat Bandersnatch and Jabberwocky. We had been glaring at Hades the whole time. Just looking at the face of this skeleton bastard makes me want to puke. Sirzechs made his power of destruction aura disappear when he heard about our victory, and he reverted back to his usual form. …….Well, maybe the other form might be his true-form though….. The anger that could be seen from his aura decreased a lot when he heard that Ise had returned. Well I also felt the same way. Geez, he sure did come back in an insane way. Apparently the terror caused by the Old-Maou faction is mostly taken care off as well. The Underworld also avoided the worst case scenario. –And the Vali team vanished long before I received the report. They sure are magnificent at escaping as always. I also had Slash Dog leave. We probably don’t need him now anyway. We were fortunate that we weren't reduced to eliminating Hades. No matter if this guy is an embodiment of evil, he still is the God of the realm of the dead, even if he is rotten. If we had terminated him, it would have a great effect on all the factions of the World. Then when we were about to return home after making our complaint and telling Hades about the current situation, one of the Grim Reapers came to make a report to Hades.

<Hades-sama. The majority of the Grim Reapers within the shrine……have been frozen.>

<<……Is this your doing, Joker?>>

Hades' eye sockets glow in a dangerous colour. Dulio himself just made a sigh and is massaging his shoulders.

“Well I would get scolded by Michael-sama if I don’t at least do this. I was thinking of freezing any suspicious Grim Reapers-san. But I couldn’t be bothered so I froze most of them within the shrine. I’m sorry, I have bad habits. Anyway, Amen.”

He sure has an aloof personality and words. –But he’s definitely strong. This Dulio who is the trump card of the heaven has a bad mouth but his power is overwhelming. It’s insane that he froze the Grim Reapers within the shrine. [Zenith Tempest]. The Top-tier Longinus that can control weather, and control any sort of attribute. With the way he uses it, he’s able to be in control during appropriate situations. Since it turns out like this even inside a building.

……Maybe he has a good compatibility for fighting against Cao Cao? I’m sure he would have the advantage in the fight……

Anyway, we were able to stop Hades from interfering. This is a big result. This skeleton definitely was planning on it. Since he doesn’t have any flesh on him it's hard to read his expressions, but I can tell he’s quite unhappy by looking at his facial bones.

“Well, we will definitely question you a lot about the incident with Samael, okay? Since we were able to capture the main members of the Hero-faction alive.”

I said that to Hades. Yes, the Gremory group encountered the Hero faction. I sure can’t believe the fateful encounters they have whether it's good or bad, but this time that was a good thing. Thanks to that we were able to capture Heracles and Jeanne. I will question them very slowly. There’s nothing

better than witnesses who are alive. But Hades couldn’t reply back to my words…… Sirzechs speaks before we leave.

“Hades-dono, we will take our leave here. I’m very sorry for the sudden visit.”

Sirzechs apologised politely. He then says this with an intense pressure.

“But I will still say this. –There will be no next time. Next time I will eliminate you.”

…..This Maou says it while releasing something crazy. Hades laughs with joy after hearing that.

<<Fafafafa. You show me good eyes. Yes, I will remember that very well.>>

“Well, I don’t want to come back here either.”

I blurted out my true thoughts by accident. …….Seriously, don’t ever do this again Skeleton-God of the realm of the dead.

Part 2

Sirzechs calls out my name when we reached the gate that connects the realm of the dead and the Underworld.

“Azazel.”

He put on a formal face.

“What is it? Why so formal?”

“Lately there are things which I think quite often about. That the generation of Maou such as myself and Ajuka is coming to an end.”

Hmm, that sounds interesting. I kept quiet and Sirzechs continues.

“The biggest reason why we became a Maou was due to our “powers”….”

They are special Devils who were born with insane power who don’t carry the blood of Maou. That’s the current Yondai-Maou. After the big war between the three Great powers, several Devils like them were born. Sirzechs put on a sad face while making a grip.

“No matter how strong you are, there are things you can’t do as “one(individual)”. It will give birth to ones that rebel.”

Yeah. The current government defeated the old government with power and changed the Underworld. And the ones who stood on the front were powerful Devils like Sirzechs and the

other current Yondai-Maou. As a result, the Devils that were driven away became jealous of Sirzechs' power and cursed him. The basic and simple reason for the current coup d'état.

“But you know Azazel, there are huge things which are different from the power of a “one(individual)”. And that exists in the current Underworld.”

“What is that?”

“That’s the power of a “circle(group)”. My sister, Rias, and my brother-in-law, Ise-kun, were born with that. Even if there is a limit to the power of “one(individual)”, the power which gathers around them, “circle(group)”, makes the powers and bonds to something certain. As a result they break any limits and walls and continue to grow. That not only applies to Rias and Ise-kun. Sairaorg who wasn’t born with the power of destruction and who has a dream, gained faithful comrades by believing in his ideals. That is also the power of a “circle(group).”

Maybe Vali will also fit in the category of “circle”. Around him, comrades are gathering naturally. –I see, the power of a “circle” huh.

“Sirzechs. Ise has even attracted Ophis. –Now many beings won’t be able to ignore him.”

“Yes. I can say the same to Vali who has surpassed [Juggernaut Drive]. –The “Infinite Dragon God” and the “Two-Heavenly Dragon”, and the “Dragon-Kings” which gather around them. –Like I thought, the ones who will be controlling the flow of the World and powers are Dragons.”

Yes. Dragons are the embodiment of power. And even humans have symbolised the power of Dragons since ancient times. No matter what they do, a strong Dragon

attracts strong ones. Where will Ise and Vali go. I still haven’t witnessed it……..

“Ah, I will be leaving here then. There are things I need to report to Michael-sama.”

The Joker Dulio made a simple farewell to us while moving his Angel wings.

“Then see ya. It was fun today. –Circle!”

“Circle”….. He flew off while making a circle with both hands above his head! So he had a bit of a funny side to him huh…… Wait, so he was listening to our discussion casually huh. I made a sigh while looking at Dulio flying away.

“Now, I will need to find a new job then.”

Sirzechs narrowed his eyes hearing me.

“……So that’s how it will turn out.”

“Yeah. Having Ophis meet with Ise because of my personal thoughts is something I won’t be able to avoid responsibility for. I…..will resign from the Governor post.”

No matter how you think about it, having Ophis meet Ise in secret from all the other factions is a violation of the alliance. It’s natural for me to get the blame. If I stay as the Governor of the Grigori any longer than this, it won’t look good on those working under me and it will cause trouble for them.

“And the ones who have been helping the terrorists within our group……the majority of them have been captured.”

The traitors of our organisation are Vali and those working in interim posts. Especially a group of Top-level Fallen-Angels had been giving out information to them….. Those guys have been captured and we have most of them being judged. …..Well there were those who escaped. Thanks to that, the top people in our organisation have been reduced. …….The Number of natural born Fallen-Angels has also decreased. The numbers of leaders have decreased where it is possible to count them now as compared to a long time ago. And most of the ones that remained are scientist types. Like Sahariel, Benemune, and Tamiel. The Vice-Governor is also that type of guy.

“…..Looks like it will be the end for my organisation.”

When I said that, Sirzechs made a very sad face.

“Heaven also captured and passed judgement on the traitors.”

“And the ones who escaped turned into Fallen-Angels and escaped to the Khaos-Brigade huh. Well it’s a miracle that they didn’t turn into Fallen-Angels while they were helping them, those High-level Angels that is.”

“I heard that there is a hole in all the systems in the Heaven due to the absence of God. They must have used that. Looks like there aren’t any perfect places after all.”

The Devils will also have more quarrels with the Old-Maou factions from now on as well. Since the ones who determined that this incident won’t succeed hid themselves straight away. They sure are strong guys. But with this incident, quite a number of strong foes from the Old-Maou faction have been eliminated. They will stay quiet and hide themselves unless something big happens.

“Won’t the Fallen-Angels increase their numbers like the Heaven’s system for the [Brave Saints]?”

Sirzechs asks me. I shook my head.

“It’s okay. Villainous Angels-sama like us are already numerous enough with just us. This isn’t just my opinion. The remaining leaders have the same opinion. We all think that there is no point in increasing our organisation any more than it already is because the Three Great Powers are in an alliance. It’s enough if we can stabilise the current situation. Well if the Angels above the sky ever fall down, then we will welcome them any time.”

“……But the Grigori’s…….Azazel’s achievement to bring Ophis to our side is a big truth. It’s something which won’t be weird to be recorded in history, Azazel. And the one who made that happen is none other than…..you sir.”

“Don’t say sir to me now, it’s embarrassing. But you know what Sirzechs? I’m a boss who leads the villains. Even if I get recorded in the Bible, I shouldn’t be recorded in the history of the Underworld. –The ones who will be recorded in the history of the Underworld are enough with you, Rias, and Ise. I’m okay with being the boss of the Fallen-Angels.”

“Azazel……”

Don’t put on a sad face like that. I will be troubled if you put on such a face. I then said it with a naughty smile while scratching my cheek.

“Don’t worry, it’s just my title which would be changed. I will always be me. And I will also retire from fighting on the frontline. Thanks to you and Michael, I made lots of good students. I can spend the rest of my life looking after them.”

It will be okay for me not to fight if Ise, the Gremory-group, Vali and his team are present. Hearing that, Sirzechs blurts out laughing as if he finds it funny.

“You suddenly started acting like an old person.”

“Even if I look like you, I am old you know? I existed before you were born. So you should make me look good, lad.”

“Yeah. I will say that I will do that then just as a look.”

Sirzechs sure knows how to talk. Well anyway, this incident is finished. Now, maybe I should go for an onsen(hot-spring) trip to Atami or Isu taking the idiots with me.

The news about the Fallen-Angel organisation, the Grigori, Governor-Azazel. Resignation from his post was sent to all the factions. He leaves behind many meritorious deeds and battle achievements. But the VIP of all the factions passes on the legacy of him instructing the two Heavenly Dragons, the current Sekiryuutei who shows irregular growth and the current Hakuryuukou who is said to be the strongest in history, as his best achievement.

Hero...?

“You look pathetic Cao Cao. You prepared so much, but did the plans of the Hero-faction fail due to betrayal, or due to something unexpected? You even had three top-tier Longinuses get crushed.”

“…..Well if it isn’t Sakra-sama. I never thought you would come down to this world.”

“The Sacred Gear possessors who achieved Balance Breaker and Longinuses are out of function. And you, Georg, and Leonardo can’t be active anymore right? What are you going to do?”

“……I will rebuild it. The new Ophis will be born, so I will create a new Khaos Brigade by having that as the centre of it. –But because of this incident, we have lost quite a lot of man power. For a short while, I will be hiding myself.”

“Do you really think that? Your face right now doesn’t say that. –Your face is that of someone who had their soul crushed. You got crushed by the Two-Heavenly Dragons right? Samael’s poison. Even if you do cure it, it will leave an after-effect you know? You are just a human after all.”

“……Being crushed by the Two-Heavenly Dragons huh. ……..I won’t deny it.”

“You sure look pathetic. So what did you want to become after all? A hero? A man of valour? Or a villain? No, did you become greedy and want to become all of them?”

“……For me who was born as a descendant of a hero while also being the possessor of the ultimate spear, this was the only path available for me. The only option where I had to fight against the superior-beings….”

“Hahahahahahahahahaha! Shitty brat-kun! Listen to the words of God that aren’t so nice. Okay then? People like you who usually have B-class powers but get S-class powers when serious are quite common. The problem is crazy guys who have B-class powers in usual times and when they are serious, but gets SSS-class powers when they need to finish it. These guys are the most troublesome. In a battle where we could definitely win, they reverse it with unknown things. –You tasted that yourself right? Yeah, that Sekiryuutei is that type of guy.”

“……”

“If you want to win against types like Sekiryuutei, then you have to show enough power where you can alter destiny itself. After all, your peer Longinus possessors are that Sekiryuutei and Hakuryuukou. –Maybe you were born in the wrong era?”

“Next I….”

“Next? HAHAHA. There isn’t a next time. You end here. You know that you are worthless after being rejected by that spear and receiving the curse where you can’t move anymore?”

“……What are you going to do with me?”

“Nothing much. You will be sent to the realm of the dead along with Georg and Leonardo. Hades is really unpleasant right now, so you guys can cheer him up. You can wait for the spider’s web to come down there. But I will be taking all

of your Longinuses. For me to take it from you guys in the Balance-Breaker state. It sure makes me happy that tears will be flowing out from my eyes –ZE!

“……You sure are a horrible God.”

“Who were the ones who were trying to control me and the other gods from the shadows? Well, you just basically received your punishment for it. –I will give your holy-spear back to you if you can come back from the realm of the dead. Since you are a Hero you should be able do such things. After all the Sekiryuutei did do something similar you know?”

New Life

A few days after the ruckus ended in the Underworld, we were told something outrageous from Sensei at the club room.

“You were removed from the post of Governor!? Are you serious!? Eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeh!”

Yes, the news about Azazel-sensei being removed from his post. The reason is because he made us meet with Ophis. Sensei makes a sigh while digging his earhole.

“You are noisy. It can’t be helped. I made Ophis come here without telling those noisy bunch.”

“T-Then what is your current status……?”

When I asked him, he twitches his neck.

“Hmm. Something like the supervisor of this area which is one of the important locations for the Three Great Powers alliance. My position in the Grigori is as an advisor of special technology.”

So he’s a supervisor and an advisor for technology. Haaa, his position seems like it has changed but it hasn’t changed.

“…….From a Governor to a supervisor.”

Koneko-chan says that.

“Well that’s the gist of it. Shemhaza became the Governor of Grigori. Barakiel is the Vice-Governor. Man I feel better! Those positions suit hard headed people like them. With this, I can concentrate on my hobbies.”

Huh? He has an even more frank expression than before!? Did removing him from his post give him more freedom?….. That sounds like it! Uwaaaaah! Shemhaza-san, Barakiel-san! Please do something about this person! I suggest to have him sealed away before he does something! Maybe you should think of putting him in Cocytus! He’s definitely on a level of Samael for being sealed away! Sensei was all hyped but he then took out three certificates.

“The result for the mid-class promotion test was released just before. In place of Sirzechs who is busy, I will announce the results.”

-! Are you serious! The result is already out!? We didn’t receive any notification beforehand and we are going to get the results now!?

“First of all Kiba. You passed! Congratulations. You are a Mid-class Devil from today. You will receive a call about the awarding ceremony sometime soon. I will give you the certificate now.”

Uwaa! He started without giving us a chance to be ready for it! And Kiba passes!?

“Thank you. I will gladly accept.”

Kiba receives the certificate and bows his head down. Aaah, my friend became a Mid-class Devil right in front of my eyes!

“Next is Akeno. You also passed. Now you are a Mid-class Devil. I told Barakiel beforehand, and he started.. man-

crying the moment he heard it.”

“……Geez, Tou-sama. Thank you very much. I will gladly accept it.”

Akeno-san takes the certificate with a red face. Akeno-san also became a Mid-class Devil safely. And the last remaining one. ……..It must be mine.

“Lastly, Ise.”

“Y-Yes!”

I-I feel nervous. Apart from the practicals, I don’t have that much confidence for the written test….. But it doesn’t mean I did bad in it either…… Sensei didn’t care about how I was feeling and just gave me the result.

“You also passed. Congratulations. It’s the birth of a Mid-class Devil Sekiryuutei.”

--! ……..I did it.

“Y-Yeaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!!”

I raised both my hands up and yelled!

“From today I am a Mid-class Devil! Yeah! I’m so happy!”

I somehow got promoted! Mid-class Devil! I’m a Mid-class Devil from today on! With this I have got a step closer to becoming a Harem-King! No, I should have got ten steps closer!

“Congratulations!”

“Congrats!”

“Congratulations!”

“Well this should be something we all expected. But congratulations.”

“It’s natural because I was your manager! ……But congratulations.”

Asia, Xenovia, Irina, Koneko-chan and Ravel congratulate me! Thank you everyone! I’m glad I reincarnated into a Devil! I was so happy that I was crying, but Sensei points his finger at me.

“Well you are an idiot who was able to return from such a dangerous situation by yourself. Did you know that your feat of how you returned is being spoken about by the people standing in very high social positions? After all, the anti-factions of the current Maou-faction have started to fear you.”

“W-Why is that?”

“Of course they would. You won’t die even if you get killed. There’s nothing more fearsome than this right? Not only did you not die from Samael’s poison, but you came back from the dimensional gap by receiving a new body with Great-Red’s power. How crazy are you! You are really weird. Not only your brain but also your existence.”

It certainly was a repetition of weird events. But for me to be feared by the top-people in the Devil society…… The situation is getting so big that I’m confused about what’s going on! In the Underworld it is broadcast that I took down Jabberwocky fighting alongside the Lucifer group and Great-Red who came by coincidence. The fact that I “combined” with Great-Red isn’t told to the public.

“Well your power to attract strong foes is so insane that it can basically attract anything. So that’s why you guys should be the ones to defeat the guys who are doing bad stuff around the World. That way both I and Sirzechs will be able to relax.”

That’s what Sensei says…….. Seriously that would be too much! I’m fed up with fighting strong people! I want to have a life where I can do erotic stuff with the girls in this club! I’m not seeking for a life where I would be fighting!

“Um Sensei. What happened to the Khaos Brigade, more specifically the Hero-faction after that?”

Their leader, Cao Cao, received Samael’s curse from my attack. I’m sure nothing good is happening to him now….. But it’s that Cao Cao we are talking about, maybe he has healed himself by finding a cure?

“Also because of Hades and the Old-Maou faction, their main forces were taken down. So the attacks on important locations by the Hero-faction have stopped as well. Also thanks to you guys, we were able to capture their main members alive and they are being interrogated as we speak. The Longinus possessors such as Cao Cao…….probably aren’t in a good situation either. The wounds they received are ones which can’t be healed with Phoenix tears and Twilight-Healing. But Heaven has found out that their Longinus haven’t vanished so there's the thought that they might still be alive.”

Sensei answers me. Heracles and Jeanne are captured in the Underworld. The Longinus possessors such as Cao Cao, Georg, and Leonardo cannot fight anymore due to their wounds. But their Longinuses haven't vanished. Two exact Longinuses cannot exist at the same time. And if I recalled

correctly , if the possessors die the Longinuses will move to new hosts…..was it? It’s the same as my Sacred Gear. And if they haven't vanished then that means the possibility of Cao Cao and the others being alive is high . But to Sensei it didn’t seem like it added up.

“……Is there a possibility of them being stolen away? If the Longinus possessors such as Cao Cao have serious injuries then it won’t be weird if there are people who would try to steal their Longinus. That organisation has so many factions that it seems they have serious quarrels amongst one another.”

Rias says that. I see, you can also look at it like that. The Grigori has already created the technology where they can remove the Sacred Gear from the host and keep it away or also transfer it to another person. Such a method should have been known to the Khaos Brigade due to the traitors amongst the Grigori who went to their side. So it’s possible to think that the Longinus from those guys who have serious injuries have been taken away. Sensei nods at Rias’s comment.

“Yeah, a possibility like that might arise. …….If that happens, then I hope it won’t turn into the worst scenario that I have thought of……”

……Sensei had a very serious expression. Just what is he thinking inside his head? Sensei then laughs.

“Well their biggest mistake was to lay their fingers on you guys. And they got beaten instead. So the Hero-faction’s mistake was to lay their hands on you guys who have abnormal growth rates. It’s like those teachings where you will receive a curse when you touch Gods that you shouldn’t

touch. Or in this case, a Devil who shouldn’t be messed around with.”

“Don’t say it as if we are some sharp knives! From our perspective, we just fought back because they attacked us! Right everyone!?”

I asked everyone.

“Yes, the grudge we have towards them for attacking us during the school trip is big.”

“I’m Michael-sama’s Ace! I will beat them to pieces if they attack us again!”

Xenovia and Irina agree with what I said. See!

“……We crush them if they attack. This is the unavoidable rule of the Gremory lately.”

I also received a few grateful but scary words from Koneko-sama!

“Lately I started to think , that they come to me so I can gather points to become a High-class Devil. If we fight with the current members, then it would be better if the enemies are stronger.”

Rossweisse-san sure has a nice brain which allows her to adapt quickly! But it isn’t as good as you say! Sensei makes a big laugh after hearing everyone's responses.

“To be expected from the Gremory group! This certainly will turn into a legend soon! Something like “You won’t be able to come back alive if you touch them”.”

Rias sighed at Sensei’s joke.

“We aren’t a curse or an evil spirit. Don’t say it in a weird way.”

“Ufufu. But if they assault us then we have no choice but to crush them.”

Even though Akeno-san’s smiling, she shows the expression of an S! Sensei continues.

“But the Khaos Brigade is still active. We can judge that their biggest faction, the Old-Maou faction, and the second biggest faction, the Hero faction, have stalled as a result of losing their leaders. We have finished punishing most of the traitors among the alliance. But ... there are still those that are against us. The bunch who have been hiding in the shadows of the two factions will also arise.”

…….If I remember correctly, there's a faction of magicians, right? Don’t tell me they will also assault us…..? This only makes me feel more insecure! The power of the Heavenly Dragon seriously is no joke……. Sensei then looks at the corner of the room.

“Well, their former boss is with us anyway.”

We also look at where Sensei is looking. Ophis is there. She followed me to the school club room. When her eyes met with mine, she says this.

“I’m friends with Ddraig.”

Yeah, I feel honoured having a Dragon-God say that. But……

“I’m not Ddraig, I have a name which is Hyoudou Issei……. My friends call me “Ise”.”

“I understand. Ise.”

Arara, she answered immediately. She sure gets things right away when you talk to her. She became really attached to me to the point where she follows me everywhere. And when I return to my room, she's already sitting in there. She copies what the other girls do by looking at them, and she takes interest in everything so the girls have fun playing with her. So there is always someone who can play with her. What is this feeling, something similar to an animal? Something like how dogs and cats are attached to a person? Or more precisely being attached to Uroboros?

"Yes, that would be okay to call me."

That should be fine. Sensei then says it after looking at the discussion between me and Ophis.

"I'll tell you now Ise but even if you become a High-class Devil in the future, you won't be able to make Ophis your servant. You know the reason even if I don't explain it, right?"

"Yes. Because Ophis isn't "here" right?"

Yes, Ophis is here right now but that's not how it was told to the public. Normally it would be something forbidden for Ophis to be here. But it seems like Ophis's power that was stolen by Cao Cao became the current Ophis of the Khaos Brigade. Well even they won't be able to say something like "Our boss Ophis has disappeared", which will put them in a disadvantage. Sensei continues.

"She was someone who was a boss of the terrorists. Even if she came to our side, it would be bad if people in the Underworld found out about it. That's why we had many seals placed on her to have her , the power of a Dragon which is a bit strong . Well, the fact is that God-class were not subjected to be reincarnated using the evil-pieces. It

seemed like it was possible for half-Gods like Valkyries though.”

So she has to be considerably weakened because she had her power sucked away by Samael. Though she was stronger than most. ……..And she saved me back in the dimensional gap. That alone made me think that Ophis is my comrade. If there are people targeting her, I would protect her at all costs. Ophis did so much for me. But for me to be a Mid-class Devil…… I need to refresh my brain for a bit. It will take more time for me to get used to it.

“What will happen to Ophis’s power that was stolen by the Khaos Brigade? That’s something which bothers us.”

Kiba says that. He’s right. Ophis’s power which was stolen using Samael. Cao Cao said he would use that to create the new Ophis. But what would happen if the Hero-faction who was planning that is gone? Sensei then says.

“……..Including me, people who know about that have different opinions. Except we all have the same opinion that currently their plan is still progressing. …….No matter if it's in a different form, we might see that soon. Be prepared.”

……..Prepared huh. Looks like we'll get mixed up in things like that again….. I was having my head filled with all these thoughts, then Rias changes the subject.

“It’s important to be prepared for things that might come at us anytime, but I have three things I need to take care off. First is Gasper.”

Rias then looks at Gasper. Gasper gets all nervous. ……Is it about that story I heard? I wasn’t there so I don’t know anything about it, but it seemed like Gasper snapped when he heard a false story about me dying. As a result, he

seemed to have beaten Georg overwhelmingly using monstrous powers. That Georg….. He overwhelmed Georg who possesses the High-Tier Longinus [Dimension Lost] and who also uses magic. When I ask those who witnessed it, they all just say “It was overwhelming”…….. Gasper himself hasn’t changed, and he’s still a boy who likes to dress as a girl. Rias continues.

“I was quiet about it due to many circumstances, but I think it would be a good time to ask them about that power.”

“What do you mean by that?”

Rias nods at my question.

“House of Vladi….. No, I will get in touch with the Vampire clan. If we don’t take measures to properly grasp Gasper’s power, not only Gasper but all of us will also be harmed.”

“……I-I’m sorry. I-I never knew I had such power…… I thought my only problem was these eyes….”

Gasper says that while being scared. He didn’t have any memory of the events that took place while he had changed into that form. …….He also didn’t know about it. A hidden power which had been there all along…..? It seems like it isn’t a Sacred Gear though……. Rias thinks the reason why Gasper was thrown out of his house is due to that.

“The Vampires are also having a huge quarrel amongst themselves. …….Their World is closed to the outside, but that’s also the reason why I hope nothing serious is going on.”

Sensei says it while making a sigh.

…….Are you serious? So the Vampires are also in a mess! …….I don’t want to get involved with them but it isn’t good to leave Gasper’s power alone either. It won't be good if we don’t make it clear. Looks like we have no choice but to go……

“I’m sorry for making problems…… But I don’t want to see people from my house…….”

Gasper lost his words. He doesn’t want to see his family huh. Well it can’t be helped if he doesn’t want to see them since they shunned him and then discarded him. Then he was taken down by a vampire-hunter while he was wandering around and then saved by Rias. …….I didn’t ask him the details, but he also has complicated issues. Akeno-san then says it while putting her hands on her chin.

“Along with the issue of Gasper-kun, another one is about the magicians, correct?”

“Are you talking about the relations with magicians that are written down in books?”

I ask. A pact from a magician? Even I heard of that. Devils who respond to magicians summons. It’s quite popular that it even appears in normal books. Rias nods.

“Yes. Magicians summon Devils, and they make a pact along with a price. We just lend our powers when necessary. The ritual is a bit different from the one where we grant the wish of normal humans. It’s normal for the famous Devils to be summoned, but young Devils also receive such offers.”

“Then does that mean we will also get offers?”

Rias nods at my question. Sensei continues while drinking tea.

“Yesterday, the magician council announced the rating of young Devils including your generation to all the magicians in the World. To them, it will be a win for someone to make a pact with the young Devils first. Especially the Gremory group who have a high rating. Starting from Rias who is the younger sister of a Maou, there is Ise who is the Sekiryuutei, Kiba of the Holy-demonic sword, Akeno the Holy-lightning Priestess and the daughter of Barakiel, Xenovia of the Durandal, and such. –You guys will receive lots of offers you know? Choose which magician you will make pacts with wisely okay? If you choose someone worthless then it will lower your ratings.”

Are you serious! So those things are also a part of a Devils job huh! Then will I also receive an offering from a magician…..?

……..Gufufufu. It might be good to be summoned by a very erotic magician woman. Then there was someone knocking my head while I was thinking erotic stuff. It’s Rias. Rias then asks me.

“By the way Ise. Do you remember what you promised me before the test? That’s the last thing that I need to take care off.”

-! Rias’s cheeks are a bit red. Yeah, I remember that promise very well.

“Rias, lets go on a date next weekend.”

She shows a big smile to my words.

“Yes, I will be looking forward to it my lovely Ise.”

Yeah. First is a date with her. That will definitely be fun. I will think about other stuff afterwards. While I was thinking

about it, Xenovia points to herself.

“After Buchou, go on a date with me next Ise.”

“Ah, not fair! I’m next right! I also want to go on a date with Ise-kun!”

Even Irina asks!

“Hauu! Me too! I will also go on a date!”

“Then me too.”

Even Asia and Koneko-chan!

“Me too! Let me enjoy Japan more!”

“…..And I.”

“It might be fun to have a date with Ise-kun to find bargain sales.”

Even Ravel, Ophis, and Rossweisse-san!

“Ara-ara. Then I will have a date with him on top of the bed after he finishes with everyone.”

Are you serious Akeno-san!? That truly is a very interesting thing!

“Aaah, then maybe I should also get a date with him then.”

“Umm, then so will I.”

“Eh!? Is everyone going with the flow? T-Then me too!”

Even Sensei, Kiba, and Gasper!? Seriously, spare me the guys!

Rias pulls my sleeve and then hugs onto me.

“I’m first. Right Ise?”

It seems I will be busy from now. But still I feel at peace.

Afterword

Our Ise who was saved by attracting legendary beings. He’s a man who won’t die even if killed. When I realised it, Kiba-kyun became the main of volume 12. It couldn’t be helped since Ise was absent in the first half, but even so Kiba worked hard believing in Ise. To be expected from a heroine….. No, I meant to be expected from a male of the Gremory group!

The guys did very well. Kiba, Gasper, Sirzechs, Azazel, Sairaorg, Vali and Saji showed strenuous effort. Volume 12 indeed smelled like man. Even I, who wrote this, reflected on my mistake by saying “Ah crap, there isn’t much girls…..”. Well the guys are also popular so it should be okay! But it will be sad if the girls don’t put a show so from next volume it will return back to normal.

Even though it was Underworld’s crisis, I apologise for not conveying it to the readers very well. The main reason was due to Ise’s dead or alive situation and his return scene and the story furthered away from monsters rampaging in each area. After all, the Gremory group didn’t fight them directly. I finished it by making the monsters appear on television, so if I can do sides-story from the pursuit squad then I would like to fill it in with it. Volume 12 was the crisis of Gremory group rather than the Underworld.

Now about the chapters for the story. First chapter is volume

1 and 2 is the “Sekiryuutei’s Awakening” chapter. Second chapter is from volume 3 to 6 and is “Birth of Chichiryuutei” chapter. And the third chapter is from volume 7 to 12, the “The Hero Oppai Dragon” chapter. So the chapter’s name are getting worse. And the fourth chapter will be “The legend of Oppai Dragon and his lively companions” chapter. Just like the name says it will be about Oppai Dragon and his lively companions, Gremory group + others, rampaging.

I already planned on how the last volume will end quite some time ago and what’s left is for the story to pick some stuff and keep on writing. The relation with each heroine will still progress so please keep up with them for a bit longer. I’m hoping I can continue to reveal the secret about Gasper’s power in fourth chapter.

The truth is the majority of the flow for third chapter plot has been discussed with the main editor about the time when volume 5 was released(About 3 years ago). The big plot of Loki appearance, then being targeted by Hero-faction during the school trip, then having a game with Sairaorg, then Ise’s dead or alive unknown state- -> Resurrection, was just as I was planned(Though the Short-story came in between). What wasn’t in the plan is Ophis joining. When the editor and I saw the volume 5 illustration of Ophis drawn by Miyama-san we fell in love with her and thought “Let’s make her join the group”. I didn’t originally have Ophis to be the last boss anyway so I made her remain as a mascot. So she will be active as mascot from now on as well.

Even if this was the climax of third chapter, there was too much power up influenza. Sirzechs shows his true form, Ise combines with Great-Red, Vali kills Pluto in a second, and so many crazy thing happened. In the past few volumes either the power up or their possibility has been pointed so I’m thinking about doing that from now. Starting from Ise’s

Hakuryuukou power and also about Asia and Koneko, Xenovia also needs to learn how to fight not only using her power right! And Ise's True-Dragon form, Super Gigantic Balance-Breaker, is a special form for this volume only. I made it as a form which would be fitting for the climax of third chapter and the second-part of two volume story. And also Azazel-sensei's resignation. He ended up taking responsibility for this incident. But the one who contributed to Ise and the group is him.

Now also about the enemies. Cao Cao-kun who was defeated by Ise this volume. His habits turned into his defeat. He also ended up being hated from [Truth Idea]. Georg also let his guard down and was defeated by Gasper. They made a good example that nothing good will happen if you get involved with the Gremory group led by Rias. I was always thinking to have the Hero-faction defeated in the idea of "They have the fighting style of human but lost due to being a human which is their weakness". I never thought he would be defeated with a toy though…… So the Khaos Brigade will need to reorganise their organisation now. The gathering of human, Hero-faction, who used many things for their own deeds didn't think about the selfishness of a God. That's why no matter what they do, they are always just human. But Khaos Brigade is an enemy organisation throughout this series so they will also continue to appear from now on as well. Also I didn't explain it in the story but the Balance-Breaker ability of [Annihilation Maker] which created the Bandersnatch and Jabberwocky is sub-species and is called the [Bandersnatch and Jabberwocky]. Just like a Top-Tier Longinus, it has the ability to destroy the World. The name kind of overlaps with the Sacred Gear [Mirror Alice] that Tsubaki Shinra has but there are no connections.

There are still unsolved plot. The truth is the expansion of the whole World has stopped around volume 7 and the story

entered the part where it goes into the settings in details. From the next new chapter, the magicians and vampires that have been mentioned from before will be appearing. I will reveal them in DxD original way. The reason for the magic explanation in the third chapter is for the preparation for the fourth chapter. Oh, and Kiba's swordmaster is Sirzechs's Knight and he is none other than the Captain of the Shinsengumi's First-division, Okita Souji . I had his setting around volume 4, but I didn't have the chance for him to appear but he finally makes his appearance this volume. He's one of the best swordsmen in the Underworld. He used 2 Knight pieces. He's the keyman why Rias took interest in Japan. The weird knowledge of Samurai is also his naughty habits. It seems like many characters are appearing but most of them either disappear from the plot like many characters in this volume or they are one-time characters only. So I think it's okay to not remember other characters besides the main ones. Basically the main ones got involved in many problems with other groups since the second chapter and it has the style where they solve the problems, and get involved with groups led by the boss character.

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Now, from the next volume it will be the start of the fourth chapter! That's how I would like to do it, but volume 13 would be an interval and collection of short stories. I'm planning to include short stories such as Raiser's return and about Magical Levia-tan which has popped up the main story. There will also be a new written one to be included as well. And on top of that volume 13 which is collection of

short-stories will have a limited edition which will come with anime bluray! It’s a special where it will concentrate on Rias and Ise’s relation who have started to live together and could be considered as episode 13 of the anime. The truth is I have written the story for the episode of Bluray. Please look forward to it!

Lastly. Director Yaginazawa Tetsuya, the script writer Yoshioka Tokawo-san and the other anime staff members, you truly did a good job. Thanks to the high quality of understanding the script from the staffs, I think the anime was made into the best quality. I thank you deeply from my heart. I’m truly honoured.

Translator's Notes and References

1. ↑ Supreme Youkai
2. ↑ Great Sage, Equal of Heaven
3. ↑ Butt Emperor Dragon
4. ↑ Junior
5. ↑ Very formal way to say mother
6. ↑ Nine-tailed fox
7. ↑ game reference of a group
8. ↑ deceased
9. ↑ junior
10. ↑ The King of Lion
11. ↑ The God-Emperor of Red-Dragon
12. ↑ Japanese formal coat
13. ↑ King of Lions
14. ↑ A childish way to say "I" in Japanese

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